



500 FESTIVAL HISTORY

| YEAR | Theme | 500 Festival Chairman | 500 Festival Queen | Grand Marshal |
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| 1957 | | Sam Freeman | | Lt. Gen. F.W. Arnold |
| 1958 | Spectacle of Speed | W. Bryan Karr | | |
| 1959 | Freedom... the American Way | Howard S. Wilcox | Ann Lawrie James | |
| 1960 | Festival of Firsts | Richard Stackhouse | Julie Pratt Simmons | Gen. David Shoup, USMC |
| 1961 | 50 Golden Years | P. Waldo Ross | Diane Hunt Barth | Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Kelly |
| 1962 | Music, Yesterday and Today | Mrs. Frank McKinney | Jerilyn Jones Kennedy | Gen. Herbert B. Powell |
| 1963 | Happy Holidays | Robert G. Moorhead | Linda Lou Mugg Heflin | Lt. Gen. Charles G. Dodge |
| 1964 | The Big Fifty | Joseph S. Dawson | Donna McKinley Frazier | |
| 1965 | Showtime, USA | Margaret Clark | Suzanne Devine Sams | James "Jimmy" Stewart |
| 1966 | 150 Years of Progress | Robert B. McConnell | Sue Helen Harrison Moeschl | Walter Cronkite |
| 1967 | The Wonderland of Books | Kenneth E. Hauck | Janice Cruze Bretz | Lorne Green, Dan Blocker, Michael Landon |
| 1968 | The Wonderful World of Art and Music | J. Fred Risk | Marice E. Littlejohn Rounds | Ambassadors from Peru, Boliva and Equador |
| 1969 | The World of Sports | Maurel Rothbaum | Janet Lee Faires Kendall | Manueal Fraga Irlbarne |
| 1970 | Moments to Remember | Michael G. Schaefer | Ann Rachelle Bollei Mummert | Edie Adams |
| 1971 | International Storybook | Clyde L. Peterson | Candace Sue Cluster Taylor | Hon. George W. Romney, Hon. John A. Love, Hon. Carl B. Stokes |
| 1972 | Those Wonderful Years | Fred C. Tucker Jr. | Elaine Marie Scher Riggs | Phil Harris |
| 1973 | Down Memory Lane | Charles R. Davis | Cynthia Ann Foster Wallace | Col. James H. Kasler |
| 1974 | Through the Eyes of Children | Gene Turner | Andrea McCall Lynch | Mickey Mouse |
| 1975 | The Magic of Music | John R. Walsh | Kathryn Jane Ball Laesch | Peter DePaolo |
| 1976 | America Is | Jack Lyle | Rebecca Ann Tippy | Tony Hulman and Bob Hope |
| 1977 | Funtastic World of Hanna Barbera | Walter B. Kirkwood | Kathryn Hegg | William Hanna and Joseph Barbera |
| 1978 | The Wonder of America Set to Music | Gene E. Sease | Sherri Lynn Kalbrier | Roy Clark |
| 1979 | It's a Good Life | John B. Smith | Carol Ann Orem | President Gerald R. Ford |
| 1980 | Something Old, Something New | Robert C. Hunt | Joan Elizabeth Pearson Friendman | Mike Douglas |
| 1981 | Reflections of Great Moments | Marge Tarplee | Paula Jayne Peelen Van Gorder | Joyce Dewitt |
| 1982 | Previews: A Look At Tomorrow | David W. Givens | Julie Ann Smith Kahn | Merlin Olsen |
| 1983 | America, You're Beautiful | J. Richard Zapapas | Sally Lynn French Wells | Joseph Allen |
| 1984 | Salute to Heritage | Andre B. Lacy | Christie Katherine Giles-Polce | David Hasselhoff |
| 1985 | The Wonderful World of Disney | Jerry Semler | Jennifer Klumpp Bouwkamp | Mickey Mouse |
| 1986 | Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow | Leonard J. Delehanty | Wendy Diane Barth Servies | Lt. Col. Jerry L. Ross |
| 1987 | Fiesta 500 – In the Spirit of the Pan American Games | Zane G. Todd | Pamela Jones-Johnson | Mario Vasquez Rana |
| 1988 | Zoobilee '88, Saluting the Indianapolis Zoo | Thomas C. Walker | Sara Bassett Sullivan | Garfield & Jim Davis |
| 1989 | The American West: From the Frontier to the Future | Sidney Weedman | Jane Ellen Bizal Enge | Gene Autry |
| 1990 | Explorations – "Journey Through Time" | Ted Engel | Vanessa Lee Baird Norsworthy | Vice President Dan Quayle |
| 1991 | A Time to Remember – Salute to the 75 th Running of the Indy 500 | James D. Massey | Kristen Elaine Raisor Jones | A.J. Foyt and Mary Fendrich Hulman |
| 1992 | 20 th Surprise Party – Walt Disney World's 20 Magical Years | Stephen A. Stittle | Mary Jane Troyer Graham | Mickey and Minnie Mouse |
| 1993 | Learning Comes Alive | Robert H. Frist | Michelle Anne Hausken | Larry Bird |
| 1994 | Catch A Dream | Dennis C. Norman | Jennifer Lyn Swanson Goodspeed | Mario Andretti and Bonnie Blair |

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| 1995 | A Trip To The Track | Tim Worthington | Misty Marie Livengood Horsley | A.J. Foyt, Rick Mears and Al Unser |
| 1996 | Fast Friends | Ramon Humke | Jamie Danielle Norris Doughty | Garfield and Jim Davis |
| 1997 | Here's To The Winners | J. Albert Smith Jr | Priya Kulkarni | Cam Cameron, Bob Davie and Joe Tiller |
| 1998 | Creating Magic Moments | Bill Corley | Tricia Healy | Dr. David Wolf |
| 1999 | Victory Gardens: Celebrating 20 th Century Heroes | Mal Applegate | Danielle Slone | Medal of Honor recipients |
| 2000 | Back Home Again In Indiana | Larry Prible | Amanda Burke | Jim Nabors |
| 2001 | Home of Champions | Betty Stilwell | Kristen Craig | Public Safety Officers (IFD, IPD, ISP, MCSD) |
| 2002 | One Track Mind | Jeff Elrod | Lauren Crowner | Jim Caviezel |
| 2003 | Art In Motion | Mary Clare Broadbent | Megan McManama | Wynonna Judd |
| 2004 | Lights, Camera, Traction | Howard Shearon | Jennifer McConnell | Jane Pauley |
| 2005 | Accelerate Your Senses | Scott Blumenthal | Deven Wayman | Reggie Miller |
| 2006 | Celebrate the Spectacle | Al Wurster | Tracey Todd | Rachael Ray |
| 2007 | Spirit And Speed | Cindy Simon Skjodt | | |