

Mickey's Soundsational Parade Hits high note!



The new "Mickey's Soundsational Parade" premiered at Disneyland on Thursday for the first time to a cheering crowd on Main Street USA. The parade has a feel like a party in motion; fueled by a packed playlist of favorite Disney tunes, a sweeping collection of Disney characters and stunning float design.

Soundsational embraces Disney's favorite characters old and new then mashes them up in colorful, pop-up storybook style floats. "It's a fun balance of what the kids will love and what the parents will love, it's a tapestry that speaks to everyone," said Steve Davison, Vice President, Parade and Spectaculars, Walt Disney Imagineering Creative Entertainment.



The parade is highly interactive so make sure to get a good spot for your kids on the parade route. The dancers and musicians goof with the crowd throughout and you won't want them to miss the chimney sweeps, drummers and characters who stop often to mess around with the kids.



Soundsational features nine floats designed by the popular Disney artists [Kevin Kidney and Jody Daily](#). I was looking forward to seeing their unique perspective and trademark vintage style in the parade. If you're familiar with their work, you'll find little delightful details that are signature Kidney and Daily.



The two artists are known for bringing back old school Disney characters and design so including the Three Caballeros—based on the 1944 cartoon feature starring Donald Duck—into the parade as a float won't be a surprise to their fans. It will also remind you to [see the movie again](#).

Davison said they intentionally mixed the timelines of Disney characters to give the parade a timeless feel. "I like including the old and the new in every show I do," he told me. "I call it the 'read more about it design' in where you inspire people to go out and see that film (the Three Caballeros) again."



Mickey's Soundsational Parade is drum-driven not only in its music, but visually with four of the nine floats shaped like drums; each including some sort of percussion element. The parade is kicked off with a drum line and the beat goes on throughout the entire parade. "I really wanted to bring back the live musician thing," said Davidson.



Oh, and it's back, with even Mickey and Goofy playing drums on their floats. "It's the fastest tempo parade we've ever done," said Davidson. "I think you really feel that."



Though there is an energetic and creative mixing of musical styles—Latin, Jazz, World—in the original music for the parade, composed by "Glee's" Vocal Director Tim Davis, the musical punch comes when hearing the familiar music of Mary Poppins, Princess and the Frog and the Little Mermaid.



Mickey's Soundsational Parade will march down Main Street though the summer and right up until the holidays. Check out the Disneyland schedule and plan your spot in line before your trip, [here](#).