

Mind The Gaps

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The answer to the meta is a musical artist phonetically suggested by what you have to do four times to complete the grid.

ACROSS

- 1 Choose
5 Egyptian snakes
9 44th US president
14 Panache
15 Not open
16 Beatles' song, "___ Work It Out"
17 Actress who played Thor's mum, ___ Russo
18 Protagonist of a story
19 Make less severe
20 Thinking result
22 "Dinner's ready!" sound (on a microwave, perhaps)
24 Popular songs
25 Venomous snake
27 "Thank-you, monsieur!"
29 Greek vowel that rhymes with theta
31 Figure out, like the answer to the meta
33 Street ___ (reputation)
36 Letter that follows eff
38 In a sorry state
41 Musical genre that has nothing to do with the meta artist
42 Country where you might hear "Mind the gap" (and the meta artist)
44 39 down, but in English
45 Greek letter used in the half-life equation
47 Winter bug

- 48 Manitoba tribe
49 Name formerly associated with Uluru
51 Fencing sword
53 Pry
55 Confidential
59 27th US president
62 Song that Nanny Ogg sings in the Discworld novels: "A Wizard's Staff Has A ___ On The End"
64 Pate ingredient
65 Crossword cookies
67 Gorillas and chimpanzees
69 Kitchen flooring option, for short
70 Sleep disturber
71 Grow weary
72 "What's ___ for me?"
73 College residences
74 What gets upped in poker
75 Numbers associated with birthdays

DOWN

- 1 Geometry prefix meaning "around"
2 "___ charmed life," said the contented egoist
3 Punished the naughty student (in Dickensian times, perhaps)
4 Worked the dough
5 Fire detritus
6 Cast off, as an exoskeleton that you've outgrown

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- 7 Jewish festival named after dice
8 "You don't have the ___ to do that!"
9 "That hurts!"
10 Busy place with a female in charge
11 Brazilian berry
12 Sail support
13 Hydrocarbon suffixes
21 UFO occupant, perhaps
23 "Shh! The ___ are talking!"
26 End of the world, in Norse myth
28 Peridot's favourite insult (for "Steven Universe" fans)
7 Jewish festival named after dice
30 For example, but in Latin and abbreviated
32 Get an ___ effort
33 Disney collectible
34 Nutritional amt.
35 Jane Austen's matchmaking character
37 Santa's workshop worker
39 44 across, but in French
40 Sheltered side
42 First garden
43 Pub offering
46 Take the world ___
48 Woman who shook Paul Simon's confidence daily
50 Beethoven's "Moonlight ___"
52 Slippery fish
54 Visit unexpectedly
56 Vacationing in a Winnebago, say
57 Start of a rhyme involving a tiger
58 Harness races
59 Frog's friend in a series of books by Arnold Lobel
60 Folk singer, ___ Guthrie
61 Apprehension
63 Mary Poppins' chimney-sweeping friend
66 Texting letters
68 Observe