

# Thinking Music

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The answer to the meta is a band

## ACROSS

- 1 Hospital employee  
6 "A River Runs Through It" actor, \_\_\_ Pitt  
10 E pluribus \_\_\_  
14 Pizza makers  
15 Lake Lucerne's backdrop  
16 Japanese wrestling  
17 Pop song's visual accompaniment that could involve kids performing in a stage play, for example  
19 Concert equipment  
20 Touched down  
21 Way up or down  
23 Approx.  
24 Miami Dolphins quarterback, \_\_\_ Marino  
25 Ruth's homeland  
26 Roman love god  
28 Moment of shuteye  
29 There once was a band from Winnipeg, Whose songs would make your heart jig. Their tunes were so sweet, With rhythms complete, Their fame spread with every gig! (courtesy of ChatGPT), for example  
33 "These entrails are simply \_\_\_!" (pun for fans of MikeyG and DrTom)  
36 Prefix for -phore that will have you waving flags in no time  
37 Take \_\_\_ from (emulate)

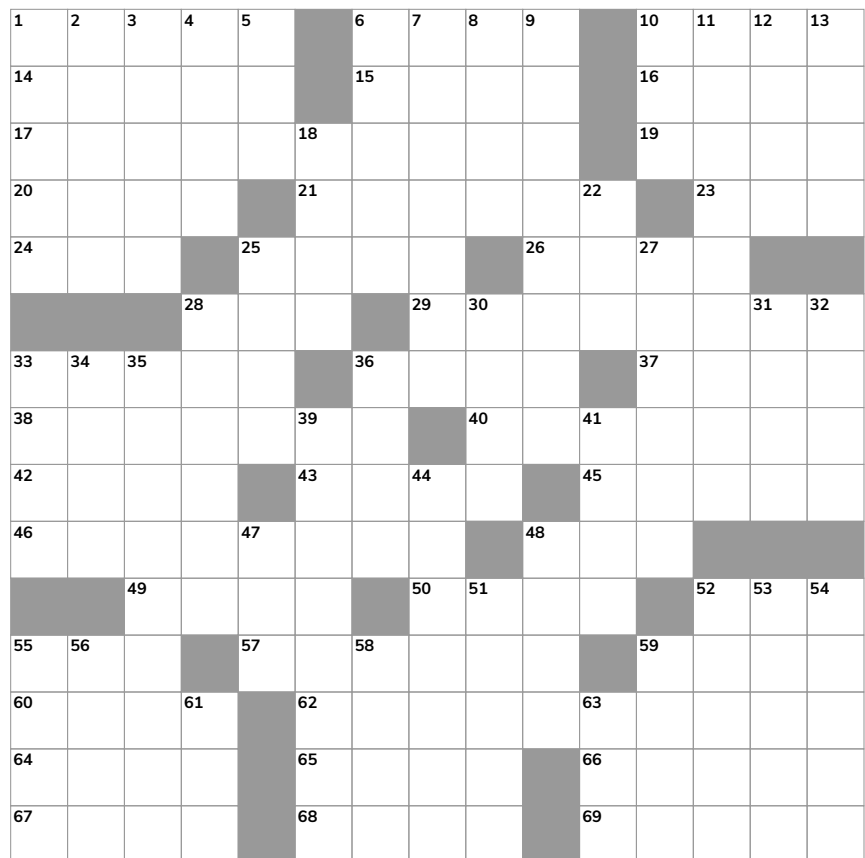
- 38 Blissful state to a Buddhist (and not the answer to the meta!)  
40 Cornbread variety named for where it's baked  
42 Zeno of \_\_\_  
43 MasterCard alternative  
45 Voice of Dory, \_\_\_ DeGeneres  
46 Joseph's younger brother  
48 Professional charge  
49 Arrive  
50 Not very spicy  
52 Der, die, \_\_\_  
55 NSW newspaper  
57 Form notions  
59 One-track audio  
60 "Mary had a little \_\_\_, she ate it with mint sauce" (that went dark fast!)  
62 Goes in hard, like a car into a wall during seat-belt safety checks  
64 "If \_\_\_ be so bold..."  
65 Words of approximation  
66 Alaskan native  
67 Lion's pride?  
68 What ChatGPT definitely isn't if the clue for 29 across is anything to go by  
69 Senator, \_\_\_ McConnell

## DOWN

- 1 Desert wanderer  
2 Dangly bit at the back of your throat  
3 Sticky pine product  
4 Agitated state  
5 Upper left keyboard key  
6 Big name in water filters  
7 Tamed, as a stallion (in 10 down)  
8 How old you are at your first birthday?  
9 Science fair exhibits, often  
10 It's between Can. and Mex.  
11 Relating to numbers  
12 Baseball officials, for short  
13 Nearly all  
18 Letters on a brandy bottle

- 22 Owner (abbr.) of Arista Records, the label for the band that is the answer to the meta and whose band members' first names can be found in the grid  
25 \_\_\_ fide (in bad faith)  
27 Delphic prophet  
28 WW2 Code Talkers language  
30 Giant-screen format  
31 Pickle-to-be, informally  
32 Finely sharpened  
33 Certain ground-floor apartment  
34 Put in the archives  
35 Omar Sy, for example

- 36 Northern Scandinavian people-group  
39 Mention one's VIP pals  
41 Listen to  
44 As a group  
47 35 down, if we were close  
48 Take off  
51 "Some Like \_\_\_"  
52 Pastry with a hole  
53 Bit of tomfoolery  
54 True, in days of yore  
55 Slender  
56 One of the Three Bears  
58 35 down's currency  
59 Small version  
61 "See ya!"  
63 Computer model, for short



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