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Across

- 1 "Is Deckard a ...?" Pressing issue of modern film studies
- 8 Indigenous people of northern Japan known for animistic religion and tattoos
- 9 2001 Stephen Spielberg film with Haley Joel Osment in showstopping role as needy robot
- 10 Person from Split
- 12 Harrowing, late Kurosawa work memorable for episodic structure and Martin Scorsese as as Van Gogh
- 13 Nigel Tufnell (initials)
- 15 Fragmentary novel of Gaius Petronius from late 1st century associated with Fellini (in 60s)
- 19 "Bubble, bubble, you in a trouble" Sultry, new Jamaican popstar (*Bubble* etc.)
- 20 Operation Barbarossa (initials)
- 21 Enormously influential African American musician from Compton (not Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, Eazy-E or DJ Yella) (or Arabian Prince)
- 22 Scenic site of Corleone compound in *The Godfather* Part II
- 25 Eurotrash classic of 1969 with Helmut Berger in showstopping breakout role as depraved industrialist in Germany in 30s (3, 6)

Down

- Art house classic of 1964 with Monica Vitti as disturbed wife of unfeeling petrochemical plant manager husband praised for themes of industrialism and alienation and gelato colors (3, 6)
- 2 Beautiful region between Jordan River and Mediterranean Sea with turbulent history of endless occupation

- 3 Capital of Peru
- Beloved
- 5 Crew, fade, bowl, layered emo comb forward, pompadour, fauxhawk, man bun etc., etc.
- 6 Delicious Indian bread
- Intrepid Belgian reporter known for exciting adventures in far flung places (with Snowy)
- 11 Initials shared by authors of controversial works A Season in Hell (called "enigmatic" and "near hysterical") and The Fountainhead (expressing author's philosophy of creativity and "individualism" in ripping story about genius architect rapist Howard Roark)
- 14 Legendary movie mogul (called 'White Fang' by Ben Hecht) mostly known for witticisms regarding well-attended funeral such as Red Skelton: "It proves what ... always said: give the public what they want and they'll come out for it" (with first initial) (1, 4)
- 16 Benighted Indonesian province in northern Sumatra known for brutal application of sharia inc. 'community sickness operation' to rehabilitate members LGBTQ2+ community
- 17 Yolanda Ninia (initials)
- 18 Orchestral woodwind known for beautiful, plaintive, faraway sound
- 23 Axis mundi *or* Ari Melber (initials)
- 24 Sullivan, Koch, McMahon, Wood, Mister etc.

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