

## Across

- "Meanwhile back in Queens the realness and foundation / If I die, I couldn't choose a better location / When the slugs penetrate, you feel a burning sensation / Getting closer to God in a tight situation" Touching hip hop classic by *Mobb Deep* widely regarded as the greatest rap song of all time
- 8 British secret service code designating agent licensed to kill
- **9** Prefix meaning very, *very* small (literally a billionth) (cf. *pico*, a million-millionth, *femto* a million-billionth, *atto*, a billion-billionth, *zepto*, a billion-trillionth and *yocto*, a trillion-trillionth) (also *ronto* and *quecto*, a thousand and a million times smaller respectively)
- 10 Mysterious grail knight and son of grail king Percival in Wagner opera known for ethereal vorspiel and haunting swan motive
- **13** Old Haileyburians Association *or* original *Hole* album (initials)
- 14 What were Charlotte Caffey, Belinda Carlisle, 5 Gina Schock, Kathy Valentine and Jane Wiedlin in 80s?
- 15 Controversial figure from New Testament besmirched as a prostitute depicted with long golden hair in state of anguished repentance for former lasciviousness elevated by Pope Francis to major Apostle and widely believed to have married Jesus and be buried under inverted pyramid of I. M. Pei in Louvre
- **17** ... *on the G String* Sublime second movement of Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D major with funny sounding name
- 18 Irish tenor or Israeli terror (initials)

## Down (contd.)

- 12 Second of three architectural orders of ancient Greece characterized by slender columns and scroll-like capitols inspired by nautilus shell
- 16 Smith, Clarke, Dale, Sargent, York, Cheney, Hickock, Shawn, Cavette, Van Dyke, Tracy, Wolf, Bong, Nixon etc.
- **20** Music genre favoured by mature listener known for laid-back, cruisy mellowness (*Doobie Brothers* etc.) (1, 1, 1)
- 21 The Red Wiggle (initials)
- 22 Infectious, retro K-house track by Berlin based South Korean DJ producer singer Peggy Gou (1, 2)

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- Division in Baltimore Police Department depicted in gritty, 90s cult favourite *The Wire*
- 23 Galilean moon of Jupiter
- 24 Transformational musical instrument seminal in evolution of EDM and music of post-punk era such as *Human League*, *The Normal* and *Essendon Airport*
- 25 What you are doing

## Down

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- 1 Pertaining to king of Israel in foundational myth establishing primacy of Jerusalem (and Levites) played by young Yul Brynner (notable for hair) and Gina Lollobrigida as sultry Queen of Sheba (notable for racy bath scene) in King Vidor epic
- 2 Excessive, unnecessary fuss or commotion
- **3** Power pop hit by Johnny Farnham from 60s
- 4 Struggling AFL club to be coached by Clarko in recent bombshell revelation of five-season contract with coaching legend
- Mmm, something is missing from this fearsome warrior horseman from steppes of Central Asia **WARNING** cryptic
- 6 Scandinavian state associated with Leif Ericson, Henrik Ibsen, Thor Heyerdahl, Edvard Munch, Knut Hamsun, Vidkun Quisling, Liv Ullmann, Anni-Frid Lyngstad, Morten Harket, Sigrid and Ylvis (Scandinavian name)
- 7 Popular images on Instagram
- 11 Egyptian slave (of biblical Sarah) and matriarch (by Abraham) of Arabs (through son Ishmael) in foundational myth (of exilic Levites) establishing racial supremacy as primary religious tenet (and pervasive ethos of modern state)