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Across

- 1** “Tonight’s the night at ... / The joining of the tribe / The speakers blasting clear and loud (loud, loud) When disco spreads like a bacteria etc.” Legendary club at 30 West 21st Street referenced by *Alcazar* in *Crying at the Discotheque*
- 8** *Ai...* High-spirited main character and leader of team with wife MeeMee, son Baby and former archrival turned best friend GonGon in *Super Monkey Ball* series with catch phrase “I really love bananas!!!”
- 10** Grassby, Jardine, Gore, Capp, Czervik, Bundy
- 11** MGM musical with Leslie Caron as naïve French girl in tale about crippled, embittered ex-dancer turned puppeteer (Mel Ferrer) who can only express his feeling through puppets with critical opinion ranging from praise for “elfin, warmth and appeal” (Bosley Crowther) to “a sickly whimsy” noting “narcissistic, masochistic smiles” of damaged romantic lead (Pauline Kael) *Technicolour* 1953
- 12** Subcultural milieu (beatnik, punk, glam etc.)
- 14** Industrial Revolution *or* Ilya Repin (initials)
- 15** Infamous Berlin nightspot (referencing fictional setting of 70s musical *Cabaret*) (3, 3, 4)
- 17** Abrasive 90s TV personality known for lewd badinage with co-host on *Cartoon Connection*
- 18** Harry Truman *or* Hideki Tojo (initials)
- 19** Martin Amis *or* Muhammad Ahmad (initials)
- 20** Automotive accident involving significant damage to vehicle (informal) (Australian)

- 21** Robert Kennedy *or* Ralph Kramden *or* R. Kelly (initials)
- 23** Nervously exhausted crossword complier
- 24** Unwatchable 1957 Andrei Wajda war film about abortive attempt by members of Polish resistance during Warsaw uprising to escape German encirclement through city’s sewers
- 26** Russian parliament
- 29** Unwatchable 1971 Stanley Kubrick film called “disturbing and thought-provoking”, “a cold, dystopian nightmare”, “an ideological mess”, “a repulsive film” and “pretentious and nasty rubbish for sick minds” (initials)
- 30** Conservative English politician best known for 1968 “rivers of blood” anti-immigration speech in UK parliament (quoting Virgil) (first name)
- 32** Marc Ornstein (initials)
- 33** Risible Bavarian pant

Down

- 1** Famous book (in German) (not *Der Tod in Venedig*, *Der Untergang des Abendlandes* *or* *Mein Kampf*) (3, 7)
- 2** ...*Ai* Leader of *Super Monkey Ball* team with wife MeeMee, baby Baby and archrival turned best friend GonGon in adventures to stop Dr. Bad-Boon from stealing all the bananas
- 3** Surreal exchange from *Waiting for Godot* “But you were there yourself, in the Macon country”, “No I was never in the Macon country! I’ve puked my puke of a life away here, I tell you! Here! In the ... country!”

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- 4** Greek colony in Southern Italy associated with pre-Socratic philosophy school named after it
- 5** “She wants me!” Character from Greek myth cycle invoked by Jung in controversial theory about usurpation of role of the mother by the daughter out of desire for the father (sic)
- 6** Rhode Island *or* *Russian Idol* (initials)
- 7** City founded by Ilus son of Tros referenced in name of ripping Bronze Age epic
- 8** Central motif in apocalyptic, anti-war classic about 99-year war (“Neunundneunzig Jahre Krieg ließen keinen Platz für Sieger”) by Nena in 80s (3, 7)
- 12** (*I’m*) ... Iconic Australian punk song from Brisbane (in 70s)
- 13** An unspecified or indefinitely large number, extent or degree
- 16** Mixed-up capital of Latvia
- 22** Legendary German Wagnerian conductor known for funereal tempi and meanness to singers (nickname)
- 24** Extreme, ethnonationalist Israeli political party founded by Brooklyn-born Rabbi Meir Kahane in 1971 banned in 1994 under revised Knesset election laws outlawing incitement to racism, violence and genocide (sic)
- 25** US mail order company associated with Wile E. Coyote
- 27** A (French) (fem.) (... baguette, ... fille yé-yé etc.)
- 28** Musical umbrella term inc. easy listening, adult contemporary, radio friendly, soft rock etc. (*Westlife*, *Essendon Airport* etc.) (1.1.1.)
- 31** “That ... Over There” Coarse US neologism (stylized as initials) associated with Meegan The Stallion, Cardi B and Blue Face