

Across

- 1 Arrestingly gory 1974 costume drama by Robert Bresson (8, 2, 3)
- "Young man, I was once in your shoes, I said, I was down and out with the blues etc." Anthemic *Village People* song with touching vision of human frailty and compassion
- 12 Japanese conceptual artist who broke up the *The Beatles*
- 13 Spade, Malone, Newman, Harris, Son of
- 15 Delicious Italian dish brought from China by Marco polo
- 17 Drink beverage in small, elegant increments
- 18 Marvelous fantasy character played by Jean Marais (also George C. Scott, Klaus Kinski and Pierre Benedetti)
- 19 Beautiful blue Babylonian gate built by Nebuchadnezzar II in 575 BCE in Pergamon Museum, Berlin (with replica in Iraq)
- 20 Maintain modest livelihood with difficulty
- 22 Tragic drunkard villain of *Wuthering Heights* tormented by troubled hero in sadistic revenge (initials)
- 25 Initials shared by pessimistic philosopher (*The Decline of the West*) and frequently vile film director (*Natural Born Killers* etc.)
- 26 Silent movie star destroyed by Hearst press after wild party in 20s (5, 8)
- 32 A feeling of intense dislike, hatred or disgust associated with Las Vegas

- **33** Canadian rock band (*Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm* etc.) (initials)
- 35 Tony Blair or Ted Bundy (initials)
- 36 Counter culture classic with Marlon Brando as insane Green Beret colonel in Vietnam (initials)
- 37 Swiftness, speed
- **40** "I have watched you from the shore standing by the ocean's ..." *Surfer Girl* Beach Boys
- 42 One of a list, collection or set; a piece of news or information; couple in early stage of romance
- 43 Classy Italian move star (*The Third Man* etc.)
- 44 Saint Dymphna (initials)
 45 Islamic mystics known for seeking annihilation of self in God (*fana*) and
- wearing wool
 47 Marvelous comedy horror film of 2017 about mad scientist transplanting brains of rich, old white people into bodies of fit, young African-Americans. Two thumbs up (initials)
- American-Americans. 1 wo inumos up (imitals)
 Touching CSNY song about tragic deaths at Kent State University in 1970 with emotional adlibs on fade by David Crosby
- 50 Intimate relations between people of different races including marriage, co-habitation and procreation regarded variously as unnatural, sinful and in American south (prior to 1967) criminal

5.9 (contd.)

Down

- 1 Slightly revolting yoghurt drink from Subcontinent
- 2 Icky term from Nabokov for underage heroine in famous novel (outdated and offensive due to leering male gaze, obdurate pedophilia and general Hensonian ickiness)
- 3 Charles Manson *or* Colonel Mustard (initials)
- 4 Drug for clubbing
- 5 Lascivious dance (not twerking) (or pole)
- 6 Terrible beast in William Blake poem
- 7 Nightmarish capital of Qatar
- 8 Stringed instruments originally from Hawaii popular with young for adorable tweeness
- **9** Little German girl with blue eyes in touching scenes with Jean Gabin and Dita Parlo in *The Grand Illusion*
- 10 Lionized military hero of Victorian era killed by Mahdi in Khartoum, known for suicidal daring in battle, suppressed homosexuality and discovery of true site of Crucifixion in Palestinian bus station on Sultan Suleiman Street (with nickname) (7, 6)
- 14 Wife of Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) and Islamophobic staple invoked endlessly to demonstrate perversion and barbarity at heart of Islam due to age at time of marriage
- 16 Initials shared by lead characters in *The* Seventh Seal, Married...with Children and *The Bolt Report*
- 21 German city with beautiful Gothic cathedral next to station with stained glass window by Gerhard Richter replacing one destroyed by allied area bombing in WW2 war crime

- 23 Lewd practice of rubbing against the clothed body of another person in a crowd as a means of obtaining sexual gratification (also making brass rubbings etc.)
- 24 Publicly reveal hidden sexuality
- 26 Intolerant, illiberal, supremacist, authoritarian, dictatorial, bullying form of government or state of mind of chiefly Italian origin
- 27 Of great symbolic significance
- 28 Gore, Jardine, Bundy, Czervik, Weird
- 29 Ancient city on the Euphrates known for blue Ishtar gate, Hanging Gardens and Great Whore in Revelation (also where exilic Levites made up what Yahweh said on Sinai)
- **30** Ancient means of transport associated with Pharaoh, Ben Hur and Elijah
- 31 Cinema at 45 Collins Street now showing Mama Mia! Here We Go Again and Skyscraper
- **33** Symbols in written music occurring at start of stave indicating pitch range of notes
- 34 US comedian known as Mr. Warmth (initials)
- **38** Small, ornate sewing case
- **39** English king (Henry) known as the Usurper for seizing throne (also the Leper due to gangrenous necrotic pustules on face) (also Toto album with *Africa*)
- 41 Australian intelligence agency keeping country safe from jihadist attack
- **46** Sir Elton (initials)
- 49 Hinsley intercepts (initials)

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