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Across

- 1** Edward Hicks, John Singleton Copley, Ivan Albright, Grandma Moses, Andrew Wyeth, Frederic Remington, Grant Wood, Norman Rockwell, Julian Schnabel etc., etc. (8, 8)
- 14** Seminal figure in British electronic music known for immobile performance style due to undiagnosed Aspergers (*Cars* etc.)
- 15** Official proclamation in Tsarist Russia used as pejorative for a ruling perceived as arbitrary, autocratic and final
- 16** Ottoman Empire (initials)
- 17** Abu Nidal (initials)
- 18** Villain of John Ford's *The Searchers* played by German-born Henry Brandon known for long career in roles as scary non-whites
- 20** Lauded Australian authors of seminal texts *The Fatal Shore*, *Fishing World* and *Shivers* ("down my spi, yi yi, yi yi, yi yi yi, yine") (initials)
- 21** Second person to orbit earth (after Yuri Gagarin) on *Vostok 2* in 1961
- 23** Viewed in outline as a dark shape against a lighter background utilized for mysterious or dramatic effect such as in the dance of death in *The Seventh Seal* by Ingmar Bergman, terrifying arrival of "Preacher" Harry Powell on horseback in *The Night of the Hunter* by Charles Laughton or trucking icon Mudflap Girl
- 26** Function as a portent of a particular outcome (mostly bad)
- 27** 9-2-1 (initials)
- 28** Greatly loved Britpop band incorporating Madchester and shoegaze in 90s (*Song 2* etc.)
- 30** Pertaining to papal succession from Peter as Bishop of Rome
- 34** German diacritic used to alter sound of vowel or lend mystery to names such as *Mötley Crüe*, *Motörhead* and *Hüsker Dü*

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- 36** Exotic stringed instrument with long neck, large calabash gourds and distinctive, exotic twang associated with George Harrison
- 37** Partner in cause or undertaking (often military) based on pledge of mutual support
- 39** Pertaining to, concerning, apropos of, about
- 40** Infinite love (initials)
- 41** ... *Liberty*, ... *Photography*, ... *the Buses*
- 43** Person from Middle East (archaic)
- 47** Ukrainian émigré director (*Why We Fight*, *The Snake Pit*, *Mayerling*, *Anastasia*, *Sorry*, *Wrong Number*, *La Dame dans l'auto avec des lunettes et un fusil* (*The Lady in the Car with Glasses and a Gun*) (with first initial)
- 50** "Blood and ...! Blood and ...! Blood and ...!" Rousing chant at MAGA rallies invoking mystical entitlement to land (due to race)
- 51** Red Square *or* Rod Stewart (initials)
- 52** Ovid poem of 8 CE
- 56** Barassi, Blaskett, Rude, Kray
- 57** Being supportive of a cause (nuclear-free zone in Middle East etc.) (cf. being against)
- 58** Name shared by affable *CSN* member (*Our House*), haunted English modernist (*Eclipse of the Sunflower*), schizophrenic math genius (played by Russell Crowe) and droll US humourist ("Parsley is gharsley" etc.)
- 59** *MENE* *EKEL UPHARSIN* gnomie T-shirt message
- 62** Scary toys who attack Noddy in the dark, dark wood and steal his car and clothes in controversial *Here Comes Noddy Again*
- 65** The Entity (initials)
- 66** Things regarded as exceptionally loathsome, sinful or vile such as child sacrifice to Moloch, eating pork or Muslim structures on the Temple Mount earmarked for removal to build Third Temple
- 67** Shaggy bovid from Tibet
- 68** ... *of sob* One of several amusing titles coined for Johnny Ray due to theatrical performing style inc. tearing at hair, falling to knees and crying (AKA Mr. Emotion and The Prince of Walls)
- 69** Varney, Grundy, Ansett, Kray, Dwight
- 70** Japanese martial art incorporated by Elvis into stage choreography in 70s
- 71** The loneliest number in psychedelic, power pop hit by Johnny Farnham from 60s
- 72** Iconic backing band of Barry White in 70s (*Love Theme* etc.) (initials)
- 74** Rapturous Hindu festival of colours, love and spring celebrating the eternal and divine love of Radha and Krishna and the triumph of Vishnu and Prahlada over Hiranyakashipu
- 76** Slimy fish found in Thames
- 77** 1967 movie of Jacqueline Susann bestseller with Barbara Parkins, Patty Duke and Sharon Tate as young women struggling to pursue careers in entertainment industry known for scathing reviews, cult following as LGBT camp classic and callous use of alcoholic Judy Garland, cast and fired for cynical publicity value by producer David Weisbart (6, 2, 3, 5)

Down

- 1** Academy Award winning Ingrid Bergman role as disturbed amnesiac in French mental asylum with Yul Brynner as smoldering White Russian general who loves her directed by Anatole Litvak (*Mayerling*, *The Snake Pit* etc.) (with haunting love theme by Pat Boone)
- 2** Celebrated Ukrainian American actor known for roles in gritty, pre-code movies of 30s inc. *I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang* and *Scarface*
- 3** Endeavour Morse *or* Elijah Muhammad *or* Edvard Munch *or* Elizabeth Murdoch (initials)
- 4** "I fancy this, I fancy that, I wanna be so flash, I give a little muscle and I spend a little cash, But all I get is bitter and a nasty little ..."
Cool for Cats Squeeze
- 5** Not able to be questioned or doubted because indisputably true
- 6** Halo, nimbus, penumbra, aura, corona, radiance surrounding someone due to extreme holiness
- 7** Nicole Kidman *or* North Korea (initials)
- 8** Discovery attributed to Newton (in Blake poem) (with atoms of Democritus) (9, 2, 5)
- 9** Californian singer songwriter known for *Beach Boys*-tinged confessional indie folk/pop (*Moral of the Story* etc.) and cancelation of 2023 tour over concerns for mental health
- 10** Iarnród Éireann (initials)
- 11** Events in life causing great distress and suffering
- 12** Life-sized crucifix displayed above altar often suspended from heavy beam of chancel arch hence the name
- 13** ♯17 (9, 7)
- 19** Didact, crat, graph, mobile, immune disease, bahn, da-fé etc.
- 22** Japanese word for tiger (also lightning attack when repeated rapidly and with great intensity)

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- 24 Plunder, spoils, booty
- 25 Der blaue Untergang (initials)
- 29 Luminous mysteries or *Le Mépris* or Leonard Maltin (initials)
- 31 Primary subject of 77 across
- 32 Cryptic dedication by T. E. Lawrence before title in *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* adding to speculation fueled by erotic preface (1, 1)
- 33 Popular TV show with Lucy, Ricky, Ethel and Fred (initials)
- 35 “Thou still unravish’d bride of quietness
Thou foster-child of silence and slow time
blah blah blah” Receptacle in Keats poem
- 38 Yellow vinyl (initials)
- 42 Aggressive, expansionist military alliance preserving US hegemony in global north
- 44 A small amount applied as a finishing touch to the top of a culinary preparation (1, 8)
- 45 Baffling traditional theatre of Japan
- 46 ... *She Wolf of the SS* (“The most dreaded Nazi of them all”) Seminal 1975 cult classic of Nazisploitation subgenre (from Canada)
- 48 German author best known for widely read autobiographical novella about riven hero on holiday in Venice (played by Dirk Bogarde in lauded arthouse hit from 70s) (initials)
- 49 Little-read, 1923 novel by D. H. Lawrence about fascist paramilitary groups in Sydney in 1920s (also undistinguished 1987 Tim Burstall film with Colin Friels and Judy Davis Australian box office gross: \$68,978)
- 53 Morish chocolates in distinctive round paper packet (with amusing ad with elephant)
- 54 Mixed up US grunge capitol in 90s
- 55 Swedish explosives manufacturer best known for altruistic international prize inspired by shock of premature obituary (mistaking him for deceased brother) characterizing inventor as a “merchant of death” (with first initial) (1, 5)
- 60 Movie actor from Tullamarine known for roles as amateur kickboxer Con Petropoulos, riven Mossad operative Avner Kaufman, legendary king Uther Pendragon, Trojan hero Hector and psychopath Chopper Reed (with first initial) (1, 4)
- 61 Music genre associated with *Sunny Day Real Estate*, *Dashboard Confessional* and *Moose Blood* (on Hopeless Records)
- 63 On the edge (initials)
- 64 Palestinian American academic known for pioneering work in post-colonial studies and concept of Orientalism (with first initial) (1, 4)
- 67 Empowering Israeli girl’s name evoking biblical character who killed Canaanite general by hammering a tent peg into his temple while asleep in her tent in ripping yarn about early honey trap
- 73 *Unicorn Yoga* (initials)
- 75 Greatly loved American author known for kitsch classic about fob chain and hair combs (also touching tradition of leaving \$1.87 in change at gravesite in Asheville, North Carolina (initials)