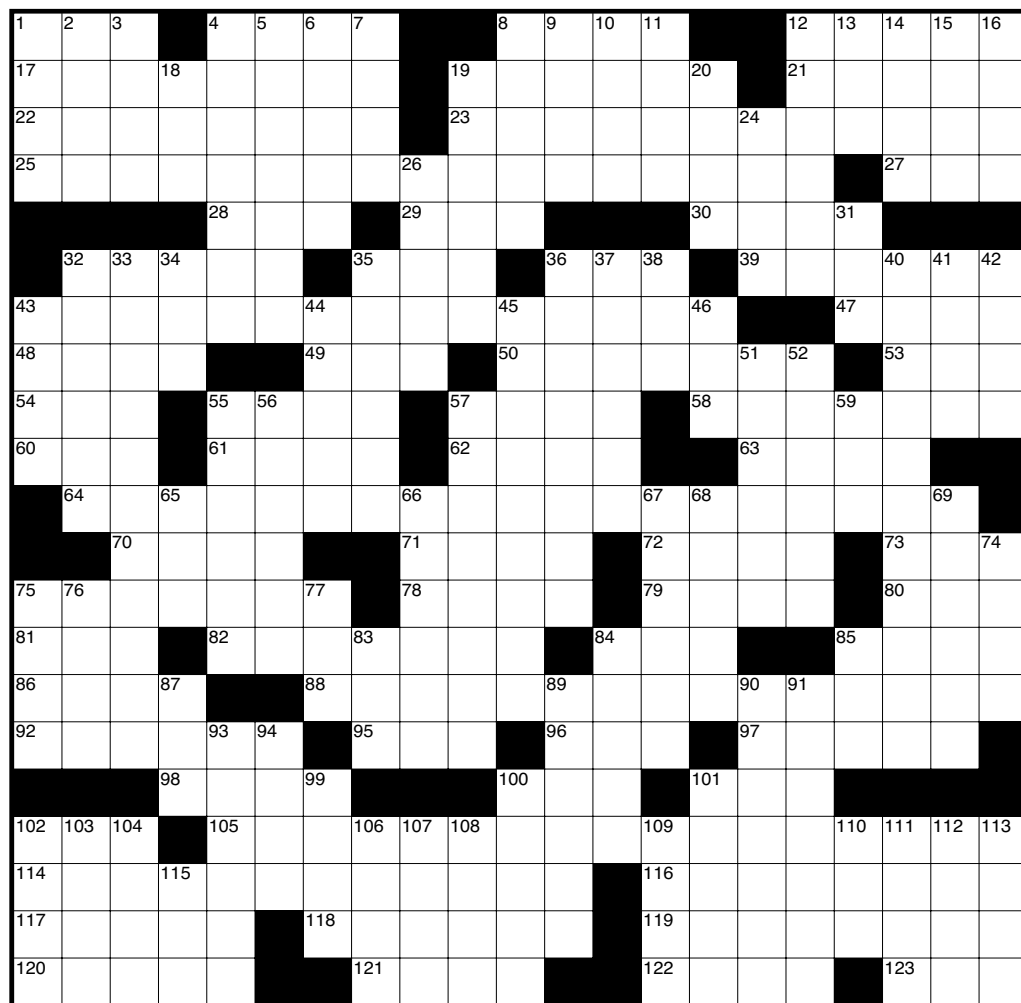


A Nut at the Opera

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ACROSS

- 1 With 102 Down, a flag-raising site
- 4 Land of Farsi speakers
- 8 ___ good example
- 12 Overdue at Weight Watchers
- 17 Violinist Niccolò
- 19 City near Pomona
- 21 Affected
- 22 Ecdysiast
- 23 My review of the opera?
- 25 My advice to you about the opera?
- 27 Catullus work
- 28 Beast in *The Murders in the Rue Morgue*
- 29 Actress Peeples
- 30 Wrocław's river
- 32 Christmas wish
- 35 *ER*'s orig. night
- 36 Holly's role in *The Piano*
- 39 Put away
- 43 My opinion of opera plagiarists?
- 47 Thin part of milk
- 48 ___ time (never)
- 49 Not allowed
- 50 Caliban's play, with *The*
- 53 The mother in *The Yearling*
- 54 *Appia*, e.g.
- 55 Glazier's insert
- 57 Bone prefix
- 58 Secretary of State under Truman
- 60 Sis to Abigail
- 61 Poacher's purchases
- 62 Mt. Rushmore feature
- 63 Showroom item
- 64 How I get in the mood for opera?
- 70 Big wine tour area
- 71 Hit-from-behind penalty, in football
- 72 Cutlass or 88, familiarly
- 73 Certain radios
- 75 *Il Trovatore* heroine
- 78 It makes Leon Price into a soprano
- 79 Soprano Ponselle
- 80 "How ___ you?"
- 81 Spigoted server
- 82 Of a river mouth
- 84 Marcel Marceau's everyman character
- 85 You can just up and do it
- 86 "___ expert, but ..."
- 88 The beer I always ask for at the opera?
- 92 Give one's permission
- 95 Order to Rover
- 96 Quill dip
- 97 Gulf of Aqaba port
- 98 Siberian river
- 100 Placed inside: abbr.
- 101 Vitamin bottle abbr.
- 102 *Really* rapid transit
- 105 With 114 Across, tomorrow's headline about my night at the opera?
- 114 See 105 Across
- 116 "I will encounter darkness ___" (Shak.)
- 117 Hard-to-view pattern
- 118 Two-channel sound
- 119 Emphasizer



- 120 Editor-playing Ed
- 121 Birds of the night
- 122 Round of applause
- 123 Apt word for this entry

DOWN

- 1 ___ facto
- 2 "Horsepower" coiner
- 3 Fairy tale frightener
- 4 Firmly situated
- 5 Attack, as an envelope
- 6 ___ for detail
- 7 Robert De ___
- 8 Scale singing
- 9 At any time
- 10 Tahiti totem
- 11 Pay (up)
- 12 Neutralized
- 13 San Francisco or Tampa
- 14 Opera's Pinza
- 15 Entrust to a carrier pigeon
- 16 Move sideways
- 18 Be bedridden
- 19 Element named for an asteroid
- 20 Florence's river
- 24 Does a cashier's job
- 26 Spared
- 31 Harper's partner
- 32 The green on old bronze
- 33 What I sing during lulls in the opera?
- 34 Latin lover's word
- 35 Least phony
- 36 Make ___ (get away)
- 37 Father to Molokai's lepers
- 38 Impressive peak
- 40 Classic routine I do during lulls in the opera?
- 41 Architect Saarinen
- 42 Actress Cannon
- 43 Vena ___
- 44 Kinshasa's river
- 45 "No sweat!"
- 46 Nereid's haunt
- 51 Pours boiling water on
- 52 Nemesis of Conan the Barbarian, ___ Doom
- 55 Wok veggie
- 56 Blindingly bright
- 57 1973 bestseller, *Fear* ___
- 59 WWII theater
- 65 Gary Sinise in *Forrest Gump*, Captain ___
- 66 Anti-knock ingredient
- 67 Surefire
- 68 Get hitched quick
- 69 Lotto winner's cry
- 74 A son of Eve
- 75 Baseball Hall of Famer Aparicio
- 76 The grass was always greener over her septic tank
- 77 Word to the left of right
- 83 Divine's *Polyester* co-star
- 84 Scam
- 85 Sine/non divider
- 87 Famous sailor's honey
- 89 Is a goldurned lie
- 90 Knitter's colorful buy
- 91 Spilled the beans
- 93 More like *The X-Files*
- 94 Peeve
- 99 Quite a while
- 100 Diminutive endings
- 101 Follower of Haile Selassie I
- 102 See 1 Across
- 103 A son of 74 Down
- 104 Duplicate
- 106 8, for starters?
- 107 Theater and movie mogul Marcus
- 108 Chief Justice's first name
- 109 Laundry
- 110 Sesquicentennial segs.
- 111 ___-en-scène
- 112 Anthony or Barbara
- 113 Lewis's nutty professor, perhaps
- 115 Empire that Francis II abolished in 1806: abbr.

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