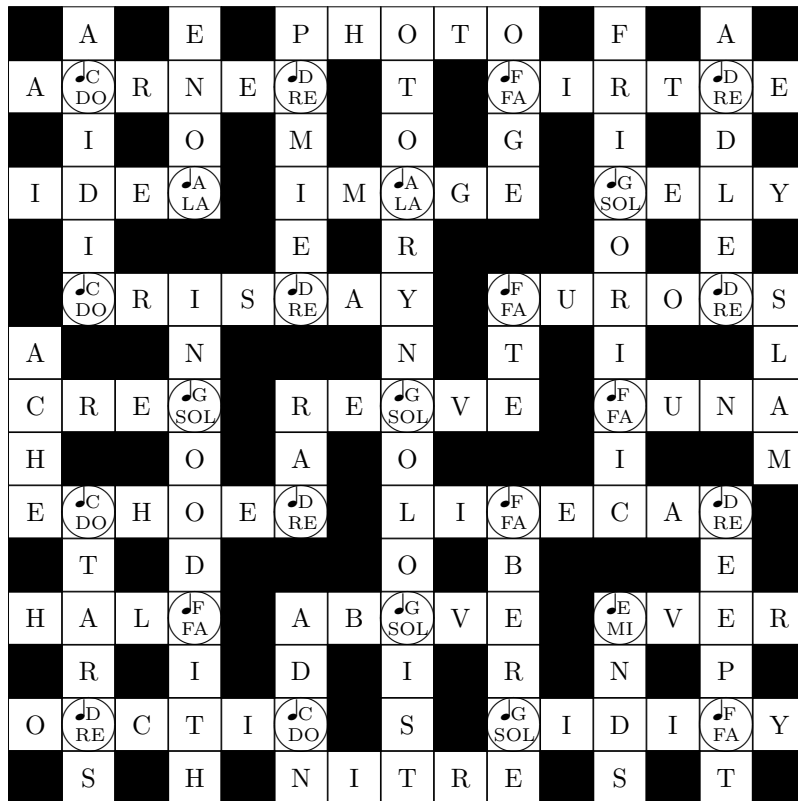


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The circled cells contain musical notes from the C major scale, each of which can be interpreted either as a letter or as a syllable from the (fixed do) solfège scale. The across answer will use one of these interpretations and the down answer will use the other (which is which varies between circles). The notes, taken in reading order, play a well-known song.

Across

3. PO (teletubby) screens HOT (animated) = PHOTO (picture)
8. ADORNED (decorated) = DEN (hideaway) → NED (retreat) at end of ADOR (winding ROAD)
9. FIRE (sack) containing TRE (TuRkEy, oddly) = FIR TREE (it might be used at christmas)
10. BRIDE (groom's partner) → IDE (scratches head twice) before A = IDEA (thought)
11. IMAGE (clone) = I (one) MAGE (wizard)
12. SOLELY (just) = SOLELY + O (LOOSELY mixed), lacking O (nothing)
13. SIR (knight) → RIS (from the east) involved in D DAY (military operation), harbouring O (love) = DORIS DAY (actress)
15. FUR (animal hair) and ORES (minerals) = FURORES (uproars)
18. C (first in Cleanliness) + LOSER (runner-up) → RESOL (spins) = CRESOL (disinfectant)
19. RESOLVE (clear up) (grit)
20. FAUN (man with goat's legs) A (beginning to Assimilate) = FAUNA (animals)
21. ECH (half of speECH) OED (dictionary) = ECHOED (repeated)
23. LIFE (activity) about ECAR (race withdrawing) = LIFE-CARE (support for the elderly)
26. HSALF (flashback) missing S (small) = HALF (part)
27. AB (Argentina and Brazil's leaders) SOLVE (break) = ABSOLVE (free)
28. EVER (perpetually) = EVE (the night before) R (the 3rd of apRil)
29. ORECTIC (concerning desire) = CICERO (roman statesman) → ORECIC (to lie about) drinking T (tea)
30. OS (operating system) → SO (overturning) LID (cap) IF Y (variable) = SOLIDIFY (set)
31. (mixture of INERT) = NITRE (gunpowder ingredient)

Down

1. ACIDIC (sour) = ACDC (rock band) repeatedly covers I and I (number ones)
2. ENOLA (detective's sister) = raised ALONE (on her own)
3. PREMIE (EMPIRE going wild) RE (about) = PREMIERE (first showing)
4. (GASTROLOGY LOTION developed) = OTOLARYNGOLOGIST (head and neck doctor)
5. OF AGE (old enough) = FAG (smoke) during OE (OffshorE vacation)
6. FRIG (regularly FaRtInG) ORIFICE (anus, maybe) suppressing E (a little Explosion) = FRIGORIFIC (chilling)
7. ADDLED (muddled) = DD (direct debit) in ALED (muddled DEAL)
14. (HATING FOOD I cooked) = IN GOOD FAITH (with sincerity)
15. FATE (fortune) = hidden in halF A TEa-leaf
16. SLAM (criticise) = Some Labourers As Monday starts
17. ACHE (hurt) = A (a) CHE (revolutionary)
19. RARE (unusual) = ERA (time period) before R (end of our) → RARE (uprising)
22. DOTARDS (frail old men) = DO (act) to expel I (me) from TARDIS (the doctor's vehicle)
24. FABERGE (egg-maker) = FA (nothing) next to GREBE (diving bird) → EGREB (putting tail over head) → BERGE (then resurfacing)
25. (FED PATE bananas) = DEEP FAT (cooking oil)
27. AD (notice) DON (wear) = ADD-ON (accessory)
28. MINDS (watches) = MDS (doctors) eating IN (at home)