

# STORIES AND ART

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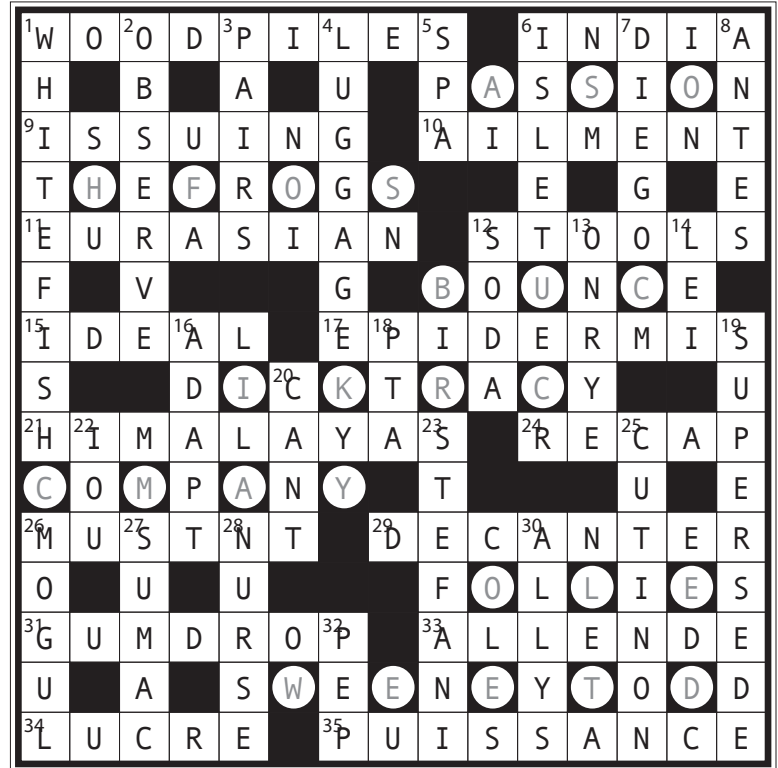
After filling the grid normally, solvers were to enter apt letters into numbered circles, then transferring those to extra spaces provided. These letters in the grid completed the titles of various Sondheim works, and when transferred spelled a message to Sondheim on the subject of storytelling: YOU MAKE IT BEAUTIFUL.

## Clue Notes

(\* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone

**Across** 1. W + POODLE IS\* 6. unKIND I Admit 9. I + SINGS\* around U 10. mAILMEN Typically 11. US IN AREA\* 12. S + LOOTS reversed 15. double definition 17. I SIMPERED\* 21. SAY HI LAMA\* 24. PACERS rev. 26. MUS+ TNT 29. DE(CAN)TER 31. GOURD\* holding M + P 33. LEADEN\* holding L 34. CRUEL\* 35. SUE PANIC\* holding S

**Down** 1. FIGHT WITH spoonerism 2. VERBOSE\* 3. "pears" 4. LUG(GAG)E 5. SPA(-in) 6. TILES\* 7. ID rev. + EGO 8. A + TENS\* 12. ADOS rev. 13. TO ... SCENE final letters 14. "lay" 16. bAID cArPeT 18. PAT\* 19. SU(PER + S)EDE 20. double def. 22. serIOUS 23. FAN SITE\* 25. COIN NUT\* 26. sMOG ULtimately 27. CAM(-P)US rev. 28. RUNES\* 30. ALL + YS 32. PIXAR EXPECT PRISTINE initial letters



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