

Zootopia Two by Ucaoimhu

The key word in the title of this year's Yuletide film obviously is pronounced with "zo-o-"; with "zoo-" it would refer to either of two optical illusions, affecting the entry of nine answers total:

(1) One mediaeval person appears to be two, with one "copy" being wicked, bad, and naughty; three positive answers must be entered as negative, and vice versa.

(2) One wind player (when viewed wearing shades) appears to be a string player; three answers that suit the former must be entered so they suit the latter.

The parts of the eye involved in these illusions each affect five clues, altering one word in each before solving:

(a) **Extraocular muscles.** An animal is replaced by a verb for some form of locomotion it can undertake.

(b) **Eyelids.** The letters before and after the center shift "down" and "up" in the alphabet, respectively.

(c) **Optic nerve.** The letter at the end is "transmitted" towards the front by inserting one or more extra copies of it at intervals of three letters; then the first and last letters themselves are deleted.

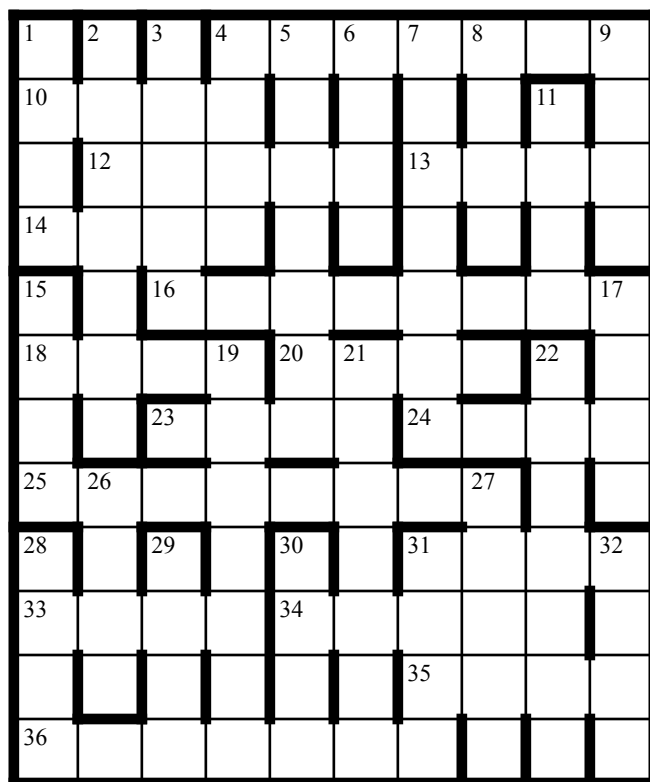
(d) **Lens.** The whole substring starting at the center and ending at the end is reversed, and then moved up front.

Festively, two films featuring (1) and (2) also feature vocal tunes; each of the remaining nine answers will put such a tune in one square. For each in clue order, if the tune is in the entry's *n*th square, read the clue's *n*th letter. This will give the (shortened) *title* of film (1), which when altered as per (a)–(d) in order will name the key *performer* from film (2); you can also get his name by redoing this paragraph's second sentence with "*n*th" changed to "*n*th-from-last."

Either way, note that name's last letter; a path of this shape in the grid will show (overlapping) the *title* of film (2) and the name of the key *performer* from film (1).

ACROSS

4. Those paperings 29D used this term up front, showing unamped bravery
10. Tense, hard characters that play a nearly central role in reddening those people
12. In poems prior to "A Pro Kisses Bertha"
13. Share promotion mostly involving hot comedian Mort
14. Move 'n' caper!
16. Reshaped glib signors and ladies in old pics (2 wds.)
18. Two terms for aerial water son teaches the wrong way
20. Has the same level of existence as a contract after precision's altered its captivating name
23. Jacques, whose films made people slime, worked at it
24. All but completely ruined, after gross loop continued unrelieved (2 wds.)
25. Doctor Yoo bared argon-filled middle of a camel [NI2]
31. Mentioned the Beast's associate and the part of his instrument the music emerges from
33. Three scruples about time machines that were over 25 times as fast as the Great Blue Throne (*abbr.*)
34. Possible maker of his equipment and small hatchet
35. Beer, etc., did this last night on roofs and behind lake
36. Notorious man is UFO-crazy



DOWN

1. High hill's residents will support and like that group that produces many an incised design
2. Of the 81st element the endlessly twisted constructor'll put into 80% of analcimes?
3. What overcutting crops may do to the atmosphere, say, before the 2nd moon rises
4. Breathable gas just engulfs biblical character (2 wds.)
5. Reduces bare, bare metal sphere atop that one device used to direct a horse (2 wds.) [NI3]
6. Old prison requiring no parsley
7. Decline wild plums
8. Tenured archaeologist holding back
9. A sort of pastry-rolling grain covering actor Molinaro
11. Don't steal Ethel's Chicagoan railway with colorful lining? (2 wds.)
15. Within a Norse stage representing an E-card
17. Good deeds of stranger (*viz.*, Mott)
19. A Japanese counterpart of his might play this ten-part excerpt from *Shishak*, uh, achingly [NI3]
21. Second, enseal salad that has transformed 5 to 1000 musicians
22. Golly, Dani marred a pricy decorative feature (2 wds.)
26. After losing 500€ thrice, desired DEC processor architecture with fewer built-in commands (*abbr.*)
27. Willing to claim shilling seized by Bill (2 wds.)
28. A flat-leaved edible plant wound (huzzah!) under bottom of frieze
29. In old Germanic literature, a Hun who conquered several billion debases disheartened antagonist Loki
30. Greek god's cooking vessel
31. For example, Lithuanian substance visually resembling Argus makes sulfur blue
32. Spot (gevalt!) heaven-bound Jedi with green shelf