



ACROSS

- 1 Instruments possibly producing mostly sombre tone (9)
- 6 Item on recording, last in first display stand (5)
- 9 Drive mad a French member of musical comedy duo? (7)
- 10 Me and father participating in no Beethoven overture (4-3)
- 11 Something advertising piano revival in certain pop music (5)
- 13 Minor Puccini character in serious situation is overlooked with the Devil around (9)
- 14 Holst ballet: offer help etc to reworking (3,7,4)
- 18 Amiable London playing, swamping start of extravagant Verdi aria (2,5,1,6)
- 20 Music academy engaged in breakdown of a model musical form (9)
- 23 Composer's anger about line done backwards (5)
- 24 Studied under guidance, acquiring appreciation of music, note (7)
- 25 Joplin piece scoundrel used as bait? (7)
- 27 Test a soprano, for example (5)
- 28 Bill, one working to secure string instrument (9)

DOWN

- 1 Brass players beginning to tend odd creatures at home (8)
- 2 Strauss buffoon cut short exclamation at Scottish Opera? (3)
- 3 Spanish highwayman a new dancer originally depicted in Ravel's music (9)
- 4 Christmas songs very lacking in fictional works (5)
- 5 Boy's good on avoiding storm in winter's journey? (4,5)
- 6 Musical speeds one piano satisfied, on reflection (5)
- 7 A University preparation not against playing to secure a job? (11)
- 8 Playing the piano, say, very important, in one sharp (6)
- 12 They're seen at Covent Garden, say, dancing coarse polka (5-6)
- 15 Sibelius piece is fine away from the sea, in Aldershot, primarily (9)
- 16 German Baroque composer frequently clutching gown (German) (9)
- 17 G&S lead, perhaps, creature of the sea, covering tracks (8)
- 19 Excellent fruit picked up by Liverpoolian opera heroine (6)
- 21 French composer's loud sound, definitely without heart (5)
- 22 French composer with the golden touch? (5)
- 26 Tokyo bitterly restricts band familiar to Takemitsu (3)