

THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG

18-Across aptly summarizes a work by 40-Across, the title of which is spelled out in the shaded squares read clockwise from a point solvers must determine.

Across

- 1 Getting rid of a simple storage structure with minor damage (8)
- 9 A plum tomato's pleasant smell (5)
- 15 Leaked the code name of 007's most junior colleague? (5)
- 16 Trims some Xmas trees (7)
- 17 Pierce quite often is an enigma (6)
- 18 *See instructions*
- 21 Brownish gray tail of kinkajou is captured in video recording (5)
- 23 A scavenger long confined to the interior of Chad (5)
- 24 In desert depressions, one might discover these old lost seas (5)
- 26 Barrett's written about a Scott Adams comic strip character (7)
- 30 Arrangement in operating room, a place to park your booty and share (13)
- 32 Come before crown-wearing cardinal (7)
- 34 Definitely, go back and clear the windshield (5)
- 36 Opry star Minnie initially played with Scruggs (5)
- 37 Thanklessly maintaining a joint (5)
- 40 *See instructions*
- 43 Mongrels, or a pointer (6)
- 45 Cargo capacity measurement Anne got wrong (7)
- 47 Gale snatches the last piece of ice in hell (5)
- 48 To hit the slopes, right garment for a lady (5)
- 49 *Rolling Stones II* is most boisterous (8)

Down

- 2 Cool Whip lacks a touch of "wow" (3)
- 3 Reportedly, broadcast was mistaken (5)
- 4 Be skeptical but do exercises (5)
- 5 Late in December, freed from labor (8)
- 6 Tricky Dick's running mate, a meatball leader? (4)
- 7 Child's upset with refusals (3)
- 8 A Beatle putting out excellent stuff (5)

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- 10 Cheap whiskey aggravated conjunctivitis? (3-3)
- 11 A degree in optometry, the source of do-re-mi? Not even! (3)
- 12 Sorghum variety from Illinois planted in Missouri (4)
- 13 A more rational building where sports events may be held (6)
- 14 Arrange roast for a Houston player (5)
- 19 A six-winged angel said to be a feature of many fonts (5)
- 20 Beef or fish (4)
- 22 Caesar's bear skins from Upper Silesia (4)
- 25 A scrawny animal beginning to scale a steep rugged rock (5)
- 27 Packer team running back reveals arduous journey (4)
- 28 Rev. Spooner's boy streaks a tourist site in SD (8)
- 29 Vocal music for a character like Roger Rabbit (4)
- 31 Discolored spots in glasses discussed (6)
- 33 A low-tech classroom tool ages well (6)
- 35 Yes, going topless is a deadly sin (5)
- 37 Judge America's borders, Gov. DeSantis (5)
- 38 Nine bucks getting you, ultimately, boredom (5)
- 39 Redundant box office's closing (5)
- 41 Bob is Drake's partner (4)
- 42 Restrained-sounding spirit animating The Mask (4)
- 44 A hitting stat essential to arbitrators (3)
- 45 So-called couple (3)
- 46 Fuel price decline is reversed (3)