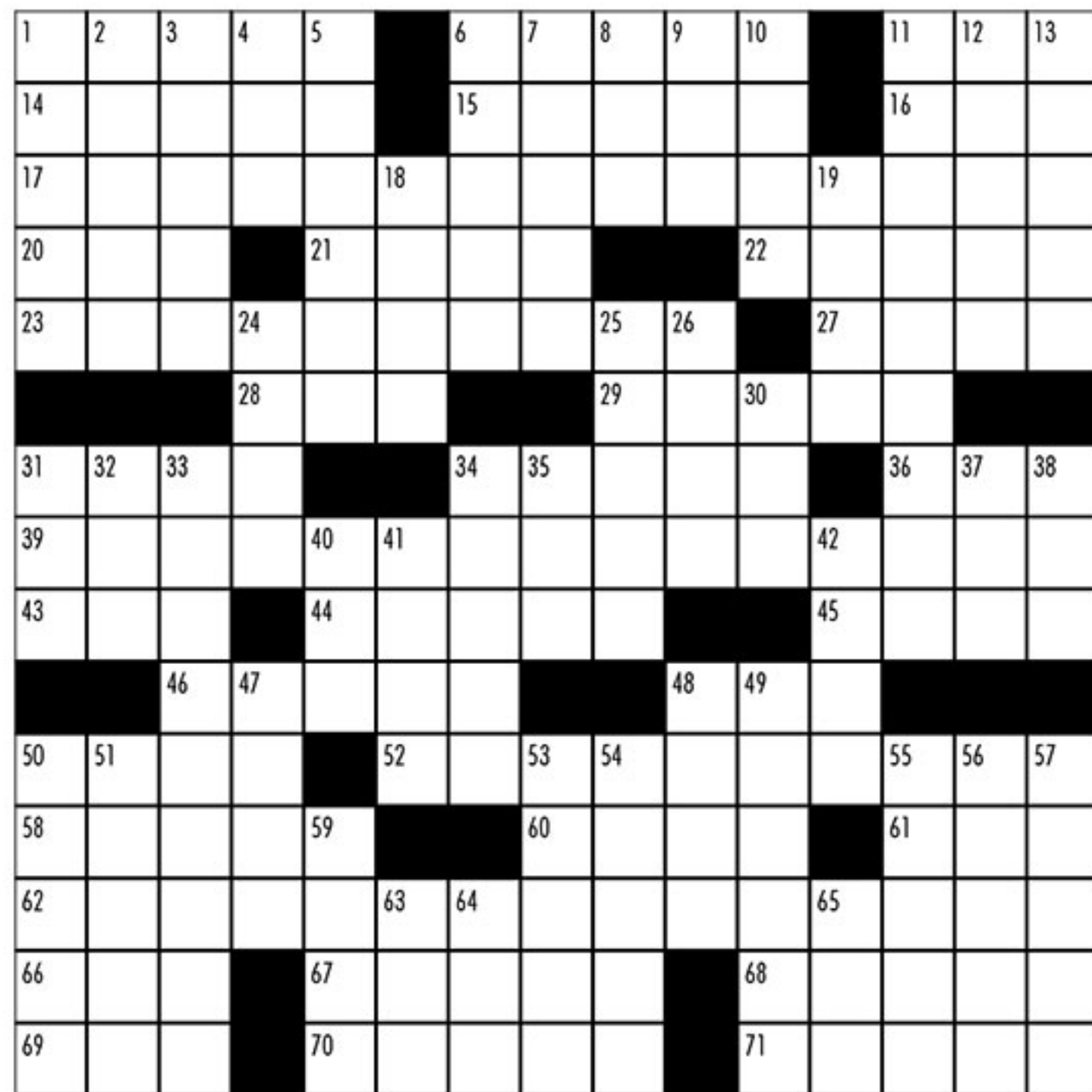


This puzzle's contest answer is a famous band.

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Across

- 1 Chess wins
6 Sagrada Familia architect
11 React to applause
14 Fastest Amtrak train
15 Wetlands wader
16 Longtime Pink Floyd label
17 James Goldman drama
whose movie version starred

Katharine Hepburn*

- 20 Vowels promising payment
21 Roach repellent once pitched
by Muhammad Ali
22 Police rank, casually
23 Michael Frayn work whose
main characters are two
famous physicists*
27 Warty type

- 28 ABBA hit
29 Pro parker
31 Scotch's partner
34 Ten pins with two balls
36 Got under the bed, say
39 Eugene O'Neill masterpiece*
43 Hither and —
44 First-year law students
45 J. Lo show
46 "The Flood" singer Katie
48 Approved
50 The white stuff
52 Peter Morgan drama whose
2008 movie version received
five Oscar noms*
58 Cheap place for the night
60 State of "Glee"
61 Suffix with ranch
62 Alan Menken musical with
the song "Jolly, Rich and Fat"*
66 "—-Devil"
67 Julie of "2 Days in Paris"
68 Sweden's currency
69 2013 Spike Jonze movie
70 Celeb economist Jeffrey
71 The S in WASP

Down

- 1 Strat-O—
2 Sneeze sound
3 Prepare to drive a golf ball
4 Letter between "kay" and "em"
5 Rejected an idea
6 Columbus's hometown
7 — gracefully
8 Cremains container

- 9 Drops on the grass?
10 Affirmative response
11 Fiancé(e)
12 Final letter
13 Book about John Belushi
18 Folkie Phil
19 Silver whose predictions
are gold
24 Morales of "Criminal Minds"
25 Chris in superhero movies
26 Undercover cop
30 He portrayed Jordan in 2013
31 Hog home
32 "Caught you!"
33 Pack leader
34 Unfair attack
35 Bestie
37 O.J. trial judge
38 FedEx rival
40 Rank below gen.
41 Plenty, in texts
42 Dress length
47 Decorative pitcher
48 Redding of soul
49 Ignores the doorbell
50 Huge hit
51 Nicaraguan's night
53 Sex appeal
54 One-horse carriages
55 Copier company
56 University of Maine city
57 "Inception" director
59 Tupperware tops
63 Irish or Arabian
64 "Waterfalls" group
65 Coach Parseghian

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