

1 ACROSS by OPSIMATH - SOLUTION

R	O	L	E	P	E	C	K	O	S	C	A	R	S
T	R	I	N	O	M	I	A	L	K	A	H	A	L
S	P	A	C	E	Y	R	V	I	P	I	U	M	E
K	I	R	L	T	S	C	A	V	E	N	G	E	D
I	N	C	A	S	T	A	S	I	S	E	U	N	G
D	E	N	T	R	O	R	S	E	P	C	E	T	E
S	P	I	R	A	S	T	E	R	R	A	N	A	S
O	C	T	E	T	C	A	S	S	E	R	O	L	E
F	A	R	M	E	H	I	D	K	E	A	T	O	N
F	N	O	H	L	A	L	A	N	G	C	A	R	D
S	U	G	A	R	P	L	U	M	L	I	A	G	O
E	L	E	N	S	L	A	T	H	E	S	T	O	N
T	A	N	K	A	I	M	I	T	A	T	I	N	G
S	E	A	S	O	N	P	E	N	N	S	T	E	W

NOTES

Across:

- 1 role contained in "casserole" (30 ac)
- 5 Ahab contained, looking west?!
- 8 Oscars zero + marks
- 12 trinomial NOMI[C] in TRIAL
- 13 kahal KA + initials H A L
- 15 VERBAL contained + film hint!
- 16 pium piu + m
- 17 scavenged SC + avenged
- 18 Inca (anci)*
- 19 stasis 2 defs
- 21 CAPONE (a ponce)* + film hint!
- 24 cete Crete - R
- 25 spiraster ← RIPS + ASTER
- 27 ranas 2 defs + pun
- 28 octet OC + Tet (offensive)
- 30 casserole L + ORES back in CASE
- 33 farm far + m
- 35 BATMAN batsman - s (?!)
- 38 lalang LA + LA + NG
- 40 card club is a playing card & CARD = anti-racists
- 41 sugarplum = sweet + fruit
- 43 lens 2 defs

44 BEN HUR	BEN + “her” !
45 tanka	K in tana
46 imitating	I'm 1 + Tati + NG
47 season	2 defs
48 MILK	odd letters of milkmaid (Penn, and Milk both won Oscars!)
49 stew	“wets” reversed

Down:

2 orpine	Long definition + or pine
3 liar	LIAR[T] (= grey) tail trimmed
4 en clair	(Linacre)*
5 poets	Dead Poets Society was a film!
6 circar	CI + R + CA + R
7 kavasses	K + A + V + ASSES
8 OTHELLO	Contained in brothel lobby!
9 ALFIE	Contained in Spitalfields (Caine was from thereabouts too!)
10 ramenta	RAMEN + TA
11 sledges	2 defs
14 Huguenot	(une tough)*
15 skids	kid in SS
20 spree	(peers)*
22 nitrogen	(ring tone)*
23 ratel	RAt +E[e]L
26 tail lamp	follow closely + L + amp
28 offsets	(Tess)* anag suggested by “OFF”
29 canulae	CAN + U + La + e
30 CALVERO	calve + R + O (Chaplin won his only competitive Oscar here!)
31 racists	C I in RATS
32 end-on	EN + don
34 dautie	Even letters cut, leaving odds
36 orgone	or + gone
37 WOODY	woo + d/y (Fraxinus is a tree!)
39 glean	2 defs
42 at it	a + tit

Thematic replacements in clue order are PECK, SPACEY, DE NIRO, KEATON, HESTON, PENN, OLIVIER, CAINE, CHAPLIN, HANKS

These actors between them have 17 Oscar wins, and a further 29 nominations. The films concerned garnered 18 wins and 23 nods. Only Moby Dick missed out completely. Heston and Penn won best actor for Judah Ben-Hur and Harvey Milk respectively; Spacey won best supporting actor as “Verbal”; Caine was nominated for “Alfie”. Charlie Chaplin won his only competitive Oscar for the Musical Score used in Limelight, where he played the aging clown “Calvero”. [[Source: IMDB.com]]

[[The appearance of ROLE and OSCARS in the grid was purely fortuitous and quite unexpected, since filling the ten thematic entries symmetrically was difficult enough.]]