

Now Hear This!

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ACROSS

- 1 iCal entry: Abbr.
 5 Ancient Mexican empire
 10 Nana's husband
 16 Item worn by a police informant
 17 "King" in the snake house
 18 "Whew! That was close!"
 19 Black stone
 20 Temper tantrum thrown in a raspy gravelly voice?
 22 Finds on a map
 24 Pump it up!
 25 Landing guesstimate: Abbr.
 26 Supreme Court note takers
 27 Winning an Oscar for his role in "Gladiator," e.g.?
 31 Home of the NCAA's Seminoles, for short
 32 Bruins on scoreboards
 33 Swear
 34 Member of a long-gone union: Abbr.
 36 "Don't Speak" singer Stefani
 38 Event that might get you contacts?
 41 Tuna at a luau
 42 Directly
 44 Dr. ____ (Theodor Geisel)
 46 Onion used in soups
 48 Raised female deer?
 51 It's turned on an amplifier
 52 "Your Key to a World of Music" website
 54 ALF's home planet
 56 Skipping syllable
 57 "Surely You're Joking, Mr. ____!" (collection of anecdotes by a Nobel-winning physicist)
 60 Minuscule amount
 61 Mind reader's claim
 62 Above
 63 "The Ballad of John and Yoko" subject
 64 Midday time out
 66 Affixes pushpins to a pedal?
 70 Farm tilling implement
 73 Binghamton Senator's grp.
 74 Space Invaders baddies, briefly
 75 Square cracker
 76 Quartet's Nescafé order?
 81 Pick-sixes, e.g.: Abbr.
 82 Rob blind
 83 Desk tray labels
 84 81-Across, for one: Abbr.
 85 "You have a point; however ..."
 86 ____-loading (preparing for a marathon)
 87 Spice amts.

- 2 ____ Noir
 3 Architectural section decorated with images of "Brazil" actor Jonathan?
 4 People from Dallas, e.g.
 5 Hangover afflictions
 6 Animal farms?
 7 [More details coming]: Abbr.
 8 Mistakes
 9 Big name in keyboards
 10 Maker of the Denali line of trucks and SUVs
 11 "Our team's better!"
 12 Minor kerfuffle
 13 Reason you might use pepper spray
 14 Madonna and child statue
 15 Classic Fender guitar, for short
 21 Broncos bigwig John
 23 "Deal with it"
 27 Slam
 28 Summer's ____ (brand in the bathroom)
 29 Jam bands may play multiple ones
 30 Out of jail
 32 Fozzie on "The Muppets," e.g.
 34 Vaccine pioneer Jonas
 35 Bundle of wheat
 37 Spider's creation
 38 Border of a football field
 39 Pictures hung in a hospitality area?
 40 Former Russian heads
 43 Poem in Lit Crit class
 45 [How could I be so stupid?]
 47 Lake rental
 49 Melville's story of the South Seas
 50 Do lunch
 53 Army members with six feet each
 55 Venetian feature
 58 Angry crowd
 59 "____ moi, le deluge"
 63 Skater Baiul
 65 2011 Best Picture, with "The"
 66 Carnival treat
 67 Real d-bag
 68 This puzzle has 98 of them
 69 "Toys in the ____" (1975 Aerosmith album)

- 70 Must
 71 Ready to pour, at the brewpub
 72 Some bridge players
 75 Ticket remnant
 77 Civil War soldier, for short
 78 Hosp. section
 79 Back of a goal
 80 Neither's partner

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