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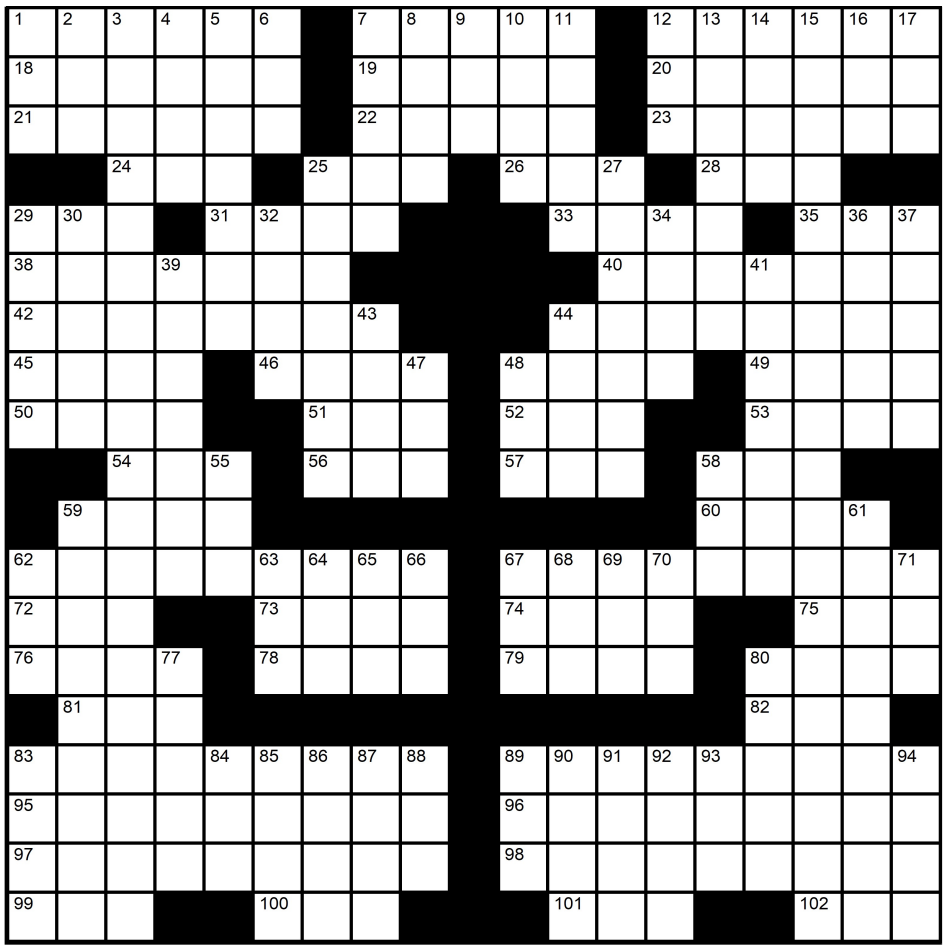

The meta for this puzzle is a pop-rock singer.

ACROSS

1 Razz the ref, say
7 Things with limbs
12 Confesses (to)
18 Like a 31-Across during breeding season
19 Wreath material, maybe
20 Keep safe
21 Tosses about
22 "___ Has It" (Reba McEntire album and song title)
23 Home for a 31-Across
24 2024 event for Reddit, in brief
25 Animal in a viral 2013 Ylvis song
26 Long for Friday?
28 Fugitive's flight
29 Like partners?
31 "Old gray" animal of song
33 Utah ski resort that bans snowboards
35 Follower of "Te" in a Rihanna song title
38 Robin's roost?
40 Cross, of a sort
42 Annual meteor shower named after a mythological hunter
44 "___ don't fix bullet holes" (lyric from Taylor Swift's "Bad Blood")
45 "False ___" (the Weeknd song)
46 "Love Her ___" (single from 5-Down)
48 Mythical wish-granter
49 "Rubber Duckie" singer on "Sesame Street"
50 Astringent in taste, as wine
51 Needing more salt, say
52 "Making Love Out of Nothing ___" (Air Supply tune)
53 REI competitor
54 Reggae pioneer Peter
56 Gives the ax?
57 Show nervousness, in a way
58 Baroque and Classical, say
59 Any of the singers of "Soldier Boy"
60 Home state for Eminem and Big Sean
62 Violent vortex
67 Chimichanga toppers, perhaps
72 Native tribe of central Mexico
73 With "The," Gilbert and Sullivan opera set in Titipu
74 Like much of Nebraska
75 Precipitated
76 State flower of New Hampshire
78 Many an Airbnb listing
79 Genre for Cannibal Corpse or Carcass
80 "Someone You Loved" singer Capaldi
81 New ___ (New York City suburb where Don McLean was born)
82 Tire company whose famous white mascot is named Bibendum
83 Poisonous plant whose name derives from the Latin for "finger"
89 Goes for the gold?
95 Utter foolishness
96 Nut that the Queen of Sheba allegedly reserved exclusively for royalty
97 Hit a plateau, say
98 Blast sources?
99 QVC alternative
100 Sci-fi author Stanislaw who wrote "Solaris"
101 Jewish deli staple
102 Ross or Kara, e.g.

DOWN

1 "Killing Me Softly With ___ Song" (Roberta Flack classic)
2 Tolkien's Quickbeam, for one
3 Well-versed scholar?
4 "___ Ya Head Up" (Tupac Shakur song)
5 1971 3x platinum Doors album
6 Ewoks and Hutts, for short
7 Severe spasm
8 Soup thickener
9 Dartboard wood
10 X man?
11 Home of the world's oldest library
12 WWII spy org.
13 Muskrat's milieu
14 Campus sports org. with a single Canadian member
15 Jimmy John's or Jersey Mike's offerings
16 Safari destination
17 What a resident needs to become a president?
25 Mercury once seen on Earth
27 Old-school weather reference
29 WWII menace
30 Actress Gibbs or Sokoloff
32 Converse alternative
34 Braxton who performed at Super Bowl XXXIV
36 Word after social or before storm
37 "WandaVision" co-star Elizabeth
39 Margarine ingredient
41 Rock group with the hit "Stupid Girl"
43 Host
44 Software prototype
47 Nos. for alums
48 "He's a-headed west from the Cumberland ___ to Johnson City, Tennessee" (geographically incorrect Darius Rucker lyric)
55 Soon-to-be alums: Abbr.
58 Van Winkle who slept for two decades straight
59 Stephen Colbert and Jon Stewart, e.g.
61 After the buzzer, say
62 Gretchen of "Boardwalk Empire"
63 "Love ___" (1980 Teddy Pendergrass song that uses a boxing metaphor)
64 Bled
65 Like this clue's number
66 Stock response?
67 Popular song, slangily
68 "The Way I ___" (ungrammatical Timbaland song title)
69 Long.'s counterpart
70 Lawyers' org.
71 Rihanna song that samples "Tainted Love"
77 Giving great service?
80 Give a seat, say
83 Mrs. ___ (name on a spice rack)
84 ___ Pan Alley
85 Particularly picky, perhaps
86 Word on some beer cans
87 Swift and Kelce, say
88 Pink Floyd co-founder Barrett
89 Super-softly, on a score
90 Tehran tender
91 ___ buco
92 "Come Sail Away" group
93 Faux ___
94 "Slammin' Sammy"

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