## ACROSS

1 The highest peak in Mexico (12)

7 To steal a car (slang) (4)
11 River flowing to the Atlantic via Bordeaux (7)
12 Children's Christmas theatrical entertainment (9)
13 Greek goddess of victory (4)
14 Italian woman appointed professor of mathematics in Bologna in $1750(5,6)$
16 A close-fitting one-piece garment (7)
17 Descriptive of a wine that is slightly sparkling (9)
18 French composer of music for the ballet Daphnis et Chloé (5)
20 Austro-German poet famous for Duino Elegies and Sonnets to Orpheus (5)
22 German expressionist painter briefly associated with Die Brücke, d. 1956 (5)
24 Winner of an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for Cocoon (1985) $(3,6)$

27 City in Dagestan founded in 438 AD (7)
291949 British film noir, directed by Carol Reed $(3,5,3)$
31 Dickensian character who makes frequent references to his own 'umbleness (4)
33 The first Englishwoman known to earn her living by writing, d. $1689(5,4)$

34 Capital of the republic of Georgia (7)
35 Hindu god of death (4)
36 Author of the Sam Pig series of books $(6,6)$

## DOWN

1 US composer known for 4'33"' (1952) and Fontana Mix (1958) (4)

2 Italian violinist and composer known for his Devil's Trill sonata (7)
31977 Oscar-winning film directed by Woody Allen $(5,4)$
4 Eleventh month of the French Revolutionary calendar (9)
5 English artist known for his stained glass in Coventry cathedral (5)
6 Kylie, novelist famed for her depictions of the lives of the underprivileged in Australia (7)

8 The British government or its policies (9)
9 A hardy breed of sheep (7)
10 A number equivalent to one followed by a hundred zeros (6)

15 Another name for the cluster bean (4)
17 Swedish prime minister assassinated 1986 (5)
19 A South African liqueur flavoured with naartjies $(3,3,3)$
21 English astronomer who observed bending of light by gravity in 1919 (9)
22 Hebridean island whose chief port is Lochmaddy $(5,4)$
23 Russian-born French fashion designer and illustrator, born Romain de Tirtoff (4)
24 Aromatic plant also known as burning bush (7)
25 A niche in the wall of a mosque marking the direction of Mecca (6)
26 A representation in stone of a basket of flowers (7)
28 Old Testament book (7)
30 Legendary ruler of Crete, married to Pasiphae (5)
32 English astronomer royal from 1835 to 1881 (4)
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