

Removing all letters that are musical notes from the four theme entries yields the message SIXTH SPOTS IN HINTS. Following that advice, the 6th letter of each of the (first 14 across) clues spelled out BANDS OF THIEVES, the answer to the meta.

1	A	2	T	3	M		4	C	5	A	6	T	7	O		8	A	9	L	10	E	11	C		
12	S	H	O				13	A	R	E	N	A		14		15	S	E	A	L					
16	D	A	D	17	S	F	I	X	E	D	18	T	H	E	S	E									SIXTH S
19	O	W	E	N			20	A	T	S	E	A				21	Y	A	22	M					
23	I	S	L	A	M		24				25	I	L	L		26	P	A	R	I					
				27	P	O	28	E	29	T	D	E	C	E	30	A	S	E	D						POTS
31	D	O	G				34	R	A	V	E				35	X	R	A	Y	S					
36	A	P	R				37	O	R	S			38	T	O	W			40	B	E	T			
41	M	E	E	42	T	S					43	S	I	R	I			44	C	D	S				
45	I	N	A	B	E	A	46	C	H	C	A	F	E												IN H
49	A	T	T	A			50	L	O	O				51	E	R	O	52	D	E		53		54	
55	N	A	B				56	D	O	T	E	D		57	I	R	I	S							
		60	B	E	D	61	D	I	N	G	D	E	F	62	E	C	T	S							INTS
		64	L	A	N	E				65	S	U	G	A	R			66	A	T	A				
		67	E	R	A	S				68	N	E	R	O			69	S	O	Y					SIXTH SPOTS IN HINTS

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ACROSS

1. Bread **box**?
4. Actor **A**lexander Ludwig's role in "The Hunger Games"
8. **O**bi-Wan's original portrayer
12. HBO and **M**AX rival
13. Sport **s** venue
15. Close (**off**)
16. Words **found** on a sign near some old cars that were tinkered with by fathers, perhaps
19. "Secret **H**eadquarters" (coming August 2022) actor Wilson
20. Somew**h**ere on the ocean
21. Side-**d**ish vegetable found at many Thanksgivings
23. Mosqu**e**s' religion
25. Surv**iv**ing, but barely, say
26. ___ passu (**e**qual footing)
27. One po**s**ible newspaper headline in Amherst, Massachusetts on May 16th, 1886, perhaps