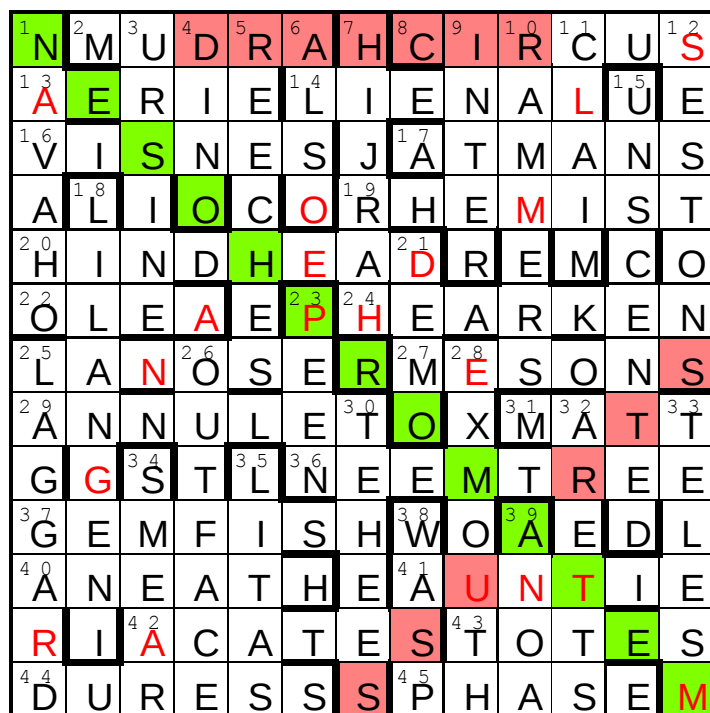


Titles by Schadenfreude

Solution



The SE-NW diagonal contains METAMORPHOSEN and letters in the grid spell out the titles of operas SALOME, DAPHNE and GUNTRAM (shown in red). All are works by RICHARD STRAUSS. JOHANN (starting in 7d) and the possible DIEFLE(D)ERMAUS in the SW-NE diagonal are red herrings.

Clue Notes

Removed words shown on the right.

ACROSS

2	MUDRA	MUD+R+A	
8S	CIRCUS	CIRCLE with US for LE	agents
13A	AERIE	2 defs	haunts
14	LIENAL	LIEN+A+L	
16	VISNES	VIS+SEN<	
17	ATMANS	A+T+MAN+'S	
19M	RHEMIST	R+[H+TIMES]*	Company
20E	HINDHEAD	H+IN+D+HEAD	west
22A	OLEA	O+LEA	fading
24H	HEARKEN	HE+AR+KEN	mighty

25N	LANOSE	L+A+NOSE	<u>mi</u> nk
27E	MESONS	[SOME]*+NS	accurate <u>ly</u>
29	ANNULET	{LUNN in (S)TEA(K)}<	
31	MATT	MATT(ER)	
36	NEEMTREE	[METER]* in (N+EE)	
37	GEMFISH	GEM+(IS in HF<)	
40	ANEATH	A+NEATH	
41T	AUNTIE	A+UNTIE	<u>T</u> rophy
42	ACATES	ACE'S around AT	
43	TOTES	TO+T(H)E+S	
44	DURESS	DRESS around U	
45	PHASE	PH(R)ASE	

DOWN

1	NAVAHO	(A+VA+H(EARD) in NO	
3	URSINE	URINE around S	
4	DINO	DO around IN	
5	REECHES	R+[CHEESE]*	
6O	ALSO	(A+SO) around L	<u>T</u> ory
7	HIJRAH	H+I+JR+A+(FINIS)H	
9	INTER	(P)INTER	
10	RAMMERS	RS around (D)AMMER	
11L	CLAIM	(LA in CI) +M	<u>L</u> ogged
12	SESTONS	[STONES]*+S(ETTL)	
15	UNSCENTED	U+NS+[DECENT]*	
18G	LILANGENI	LI+[LEANING]*	Doug <u>h</u> ty
21D	DEMO	DEMO(N)	<u>d</u> ata
23P	PEEN	PEE+N	<u>p</u> atio
25R	LAGGARD	(AG+GAR) in (L+D)	<u>F</u> rozen
26	OUTFACE	(UT+F) in (O+ACE)	
28U	EXMOUTH	EX+MOTH around U	<u>u</u> sing
30	TEHEES	(PEAC)E in [THESE]*	
32	ARETTS	(ARE+S) around TT	
33M	TELESM	(TELE+M) around S	room <u>m</u>
34A	SMEAR	M in SEAR	boat <u>a</u> t
35	LITAS	LIT+AS	
38	WASP	WAS+P	
39N	ANOA	(ON+A)<+A	hun <u>t</u> er