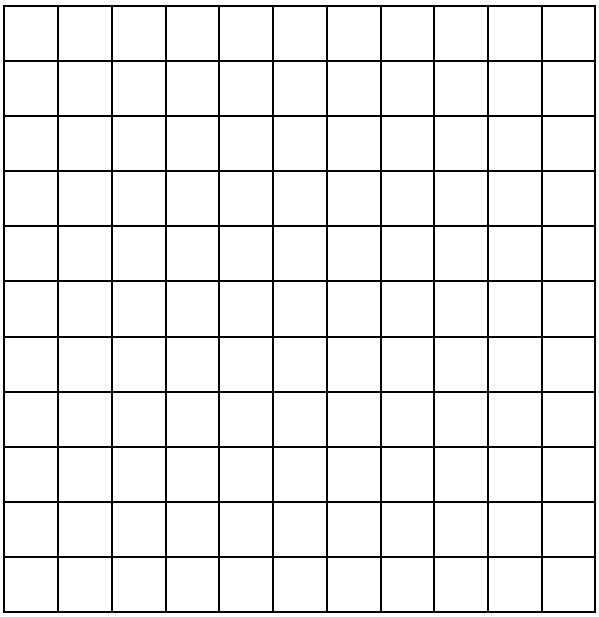
Puzzle #113 — October 2010 "Concerti"

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to eight letters, three are capitalized, and one is a prefix) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Seven across words and seven down words won't fit in the grid unless one of their letters is removed. Those fourteen letters, taken in order as they occur in across and down words, spell a three-word phrase related to the mystery entries. Thanks to Kevin Wald for test-solving and editing this puzzle.



Across

1. *Mystery entry*
2. Reporter uptown covers break out
3. Swimmer takes in the last part
4. Hearing restores formal procedures
5. Beware of Caesarean collapse
6. Manure's unlikely epithet
7. Book taken from Camus is a warning
8. Signifier of death at the front is surrounded by nine crosses
9. Heard—saw, maybe—fine material
10. One wallowing in abysmally muted dullness
11. Palm off ring in closed hand
12. Turned missiles back with instrument
13. Frontier base command
14. Tired church leader keeps nothing down
15. Chairman's name
16. Impression made by male refuge
17. Article scored Cuba's outmoded computing system
18. Sailing chart in back of log
19. Chuck eager to correspond
20. Monsignor has a foreboding
21. Grasslike plant seed sprouts and begins growing inside
22. Initially churlish, ill-mannered, and unrefined
23. Living in Germany with oomph
24. *Mystery entry*

Down

1. To rotate views, moved left
2. *Mystery entry*
3. Non-reactive interchange
4. X is about right for a symbol
5. Wicked sibling eats in
6. Call for one to start a display
7. Dotty and Sue will get ice cream with toppings
8. Animal exhibits token resistance
9. Majority leader's dire trouble
10. Bad grade holds good as a symbol
11. Latin cubist has nightmares
12. Mad actress takes earth for a cup
13. Farms without boundaries or protection
14. See about mutt getting tied up
15. Mostly, mood is low
16. Run more nonsense about power playsuit
17. Guiding spirit of author going around the nation
18. With rise and fall, lad gets it up
19. Total pressure in pit
20. Include union in lawsuit for a reason
21. First, guys have to help
22. *Mystery entry*
23. Alien link removed from choker