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ACROSS
1 Pseudonym of British composer Philip Arnold Heseltine (5,7)
7 An earlier name for the month of Nisan in the Jewish calendar (4)
11 Norman hero of the First Crusade active in the capture of Jerusalem, d.1112 (7)
12 Danish national flag (9)
13 Box used in ancient Greece for sacred utensils (4)
14 Small decorative box used to contain sweets (11)
16 Light-coloured, flavoursome variety of lager (7)
17 Site of the summer residence of the Dutch royal family (9)
18 US electrical engineer who developed alternating current equipment (5)
20 Alcoholic drink, especially illicitly distilled (5)
22 Long-necked wading bird of the family Gruidae (5)
24 Italian painter, noted for his striking use of perspective and foreshortening, d.1534 (9)
27 The Polynesian name for Easter Island (4,3)
29 Spanish explorer who settled and governed Puerto Rico and discovered Florida (5,2,4)
31 The Muse of history (4)
33 Holy book of the Sikhs (3,6)
34 An introductory piece of music, prelude (7)
35 A legislative body in the ruling assembly of Russia and of some other republics of the former Soviet Union (4)
36 An English painter who is one of the foremost exponents of Op art (7,5)

DOWN
1 Secretary of state who brought the Seven Years War to an end in 1763 (4)
2 English artist known for his illustrations to Lewis Carroll's Alice books (7)
3 Chief island of the Cook Islands (9)
4 Setting for a music festival established by Benjamin Britten (9)
5 Romance language spoken in south-eastern Switzerland (5)
6 Nickname of Malcolm III of Scotland (7)
8 Capital of Catalon ia (9)
9 The marsh plant, Menyanthes trifoliata (3-4)
10 Aniseed-flavoured aperitif (6)
15 Elongated strip of sand deposited by longshore drift (4)
17 National dish of the Philippines comprising meat in vinegar, soy sauce and garlic (5)
19 Metallic element, atomic no. 38 (9)
21 Pertaining to a swallow (9)
22 Device for accumulating electric charge (9)
23 Greek goddess of discord, sister of Ares (4)
24 US composer of Appalachian Spring, d.1990 (7)
25 Room in a public building furnished with seats (6)
26 Type of shotgun (7)
28 Winner of the Nobel prize in literature 2001 (7)
30 A kind of surplice worn by Jewish priests in ancient Israel (5)
32 English chemist who isolated several elements, d.1829 (4)

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