ACROSS
1 In at core working hours for speed of response (8,4)
8 Cunning Italian author pens note in style (3,4)
9 Capitalist's banking on old money that's obsolete (7)
11 City worker going through map book endlessly (7)
12 Spirit delivers one from pain and hunger (7)
13 Asian runner in French south retired (5)
14 Hooded killer from Royal Horse Artillery (4,5)
16 Foul residue covers irrational tragedian (9)
19 Come together in lake, shipping gallons (5)
21 Shakespearean character's men get nothing (7)
23 Subject is Gable: Tortured Artist (7)
24 Pressman after dance becomes contorted (7)
25 Pineapple class to admit unmarried chaps (7)
26 Showgirl Kay exploding with energy in film (6,6)

DOWN
1 Conductor having died caused upset (7)
2 Area right inside planet's infernal regions (7)
3 Do myth differently – enquire within for dramatist (6,3)
4 Person in saddle having slim advantage? (3-2)
5 Painter sends second one to bottom, caught in sinking ship (7)
6 Change of heart for parrot with sailor in taxi (7)
7 Ideal spot, as sullied, Tempter at last having entered? (7)
10 About to get in there and study Romeo's play (3,9)
15 Whereof perhaps, as I long, a time's recalled internally? (9)
17 Elizabeth's favourite beer in privilege curtailed (7)
18 Author at Ephesus, discontented, seeks household god (7)
19 Silver mesh installed in second generator (7)
20 Band composer requires an organ case (7)
22 Bond I'd play now and then in unusual fashion (5)

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