My Speaking Voice

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ACROSS

1 Emma Bunton, to '90s pop listeners
10 "Ariel" confessional poet Sylvia
15 Waterway completed in 1825
16 Small group of trained professionals
17 Deadpan comic with a beloved bit about her appreciation of Taylor Dayne's voice
18 Unadventurous
19 Verb on a cake mix box
20 Chinese tea variety whose leaves have been allowed to wither in the sun
22 Online periodical
23 Moonshiner's equipment
24 Online brokerage
26 Acts vindictively toward
29 Descriptor for a band or an army
31 Less likely to act vindictively
32 Eccentric
35 Word before error or experience
36 Like a person making vindictive remarks
37 "A failure ___ in a sadness bowl" (line from Patton Oswalt's 2007 anti-KFC Famous Bowl rant)
38 Set of 4 line segments that total 360 feet
40 Handles roughly
41 Mr. Boddy, aptly, in a game of Clue, e.g.
42 Fate, as in a 1953 musical
43 Cashless transaction
45 Ecstasy
47 Adequate
48 Clarification introducer
50 Abbreviation on some profs' nameplates
53 ___ cup (spill-proof container)
55 Threat directed at Dorothy and Toto
57 Take the helm
58 Fried shellfish sandwiches
59 Units roughly equal to 91.44 centimeters
60 At this very moment

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1 Gamma preceder
2 Like the Atacama Desert
3 Cowboys' home, in slang
4 Third-most traded world currency
5 "Muppet Show" regular who warned guest stars, "15 seconds to curtain"
6 Vernacular dialect
7 Collectively
8 Christmas song built on a repeated four-note ostinato
9 University near Burlington, NC
10 They usually have Windows
11 Throw to the side?
12 Fictional metal in Wolverine's claws
13 Simple chord
14 Piece of a maze made from natural materials
21 Into a very niche topic, perhaps awkwardly
23 Flattened, in a way
25 "Eww, that's plenty!"
26 Social slight
27 Birthplace of Galileo
28 It helps things clear up in winter weather?
30 Some creations of the digital artist Beeple
32 Essential haggis ingredients
33 Palindromic fashion publication
34 An R of R&R
36 ___-Sun (drink that comes with its own straw)
39 It may come before algebra?
40 Conveniences on patios during a heat wave
42 "Please acknowledge that I have reached the opposite end of the board"
43 Like someone set on getting their own way
44 Japanese dog breed
46 California-set NBC drama whose title sequence began with a rad sax solo and a close-up of a license plate
49 Mineral with thin layers
50 Pulitzer-winning WWII correspondent Ernie
51 Spanish greeting
52 Active time of day for mosquitoes
54 Hundredths of centuries: abbr.
56 Outdo