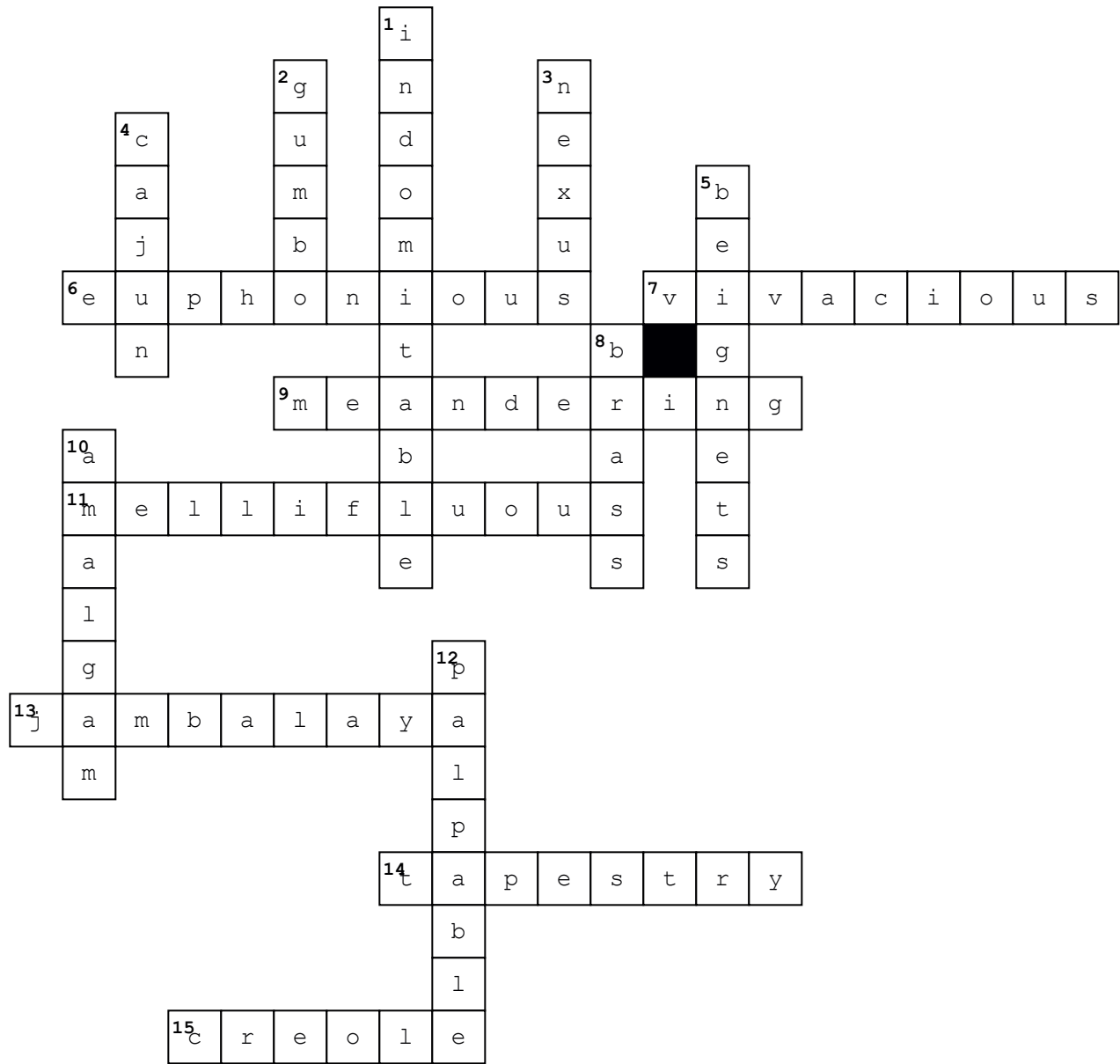


The Vibrant Culture of New Orleans



Across

6. Pleasing to the ear; harmonious. This term characterizes the overall sound quality of New Orleans' diverse music scene.
7. Lively and animated; used to describe the energetic and spirited nature of New Orleans' culture.
9. Following a winding course. Describes the Mississippi River as it flows through New Orleans, symbolizing the city's dynamic and evolving nature.
11. Sweetly or smoothly flowing; pleasing to the ear. In the context of New Orleans, it describes the

Down

1. Impossible to subdue or defeat. Reflects the resilient and enduring spirit of New Orleans and its people.
2. A spicy, stew-like dish that originated in Louisiana, typically containing meat or shellfish, and thickened with okra or filé powder. It is symbolic of New Orleans' culinary diversity.
3. A connection or series of connections linking two or more things; in the article, it refers to New Orleans as a central point where various musical styles converge.

harmonious and pleasant sounds of jazz music that permeate the city.

- 13.** A Creole and Cajun dish of Spanish and French influence, typically consisting of meat and vegetables mixed with rice. It's a staple in New Orleans cuisine, known for its bold flavors and hearty nature.
- 14.** A complex or intricate combination of things. In the article, it's used metaphorically to describe the rich and varied cultural fabric of New Orleans.
- 15.** Relating to people of mixed European and black descent, especially in the Caribbean. In New Orleans, it refers to a culture and a distinctive style of cooking that blends French, African, Spanish, and Caribbean influences.
- 4.** Relating to the French-speaking Acadian people deported by the British from Canada to Louisiana in the 18th century. It also refers to their spicy, robust cuisine which is prevalent in New Orleans.
- 5.** A French pastry made from deep-fried choux pastry, often served with powdered sugar on top. A popular treat in New Orleans, particularly associated with the Café du Monde.
- 8.** A yellow alloy of copper and zinc, commonly used in musical instruments. Refers to the brass bands that are a signature element of New Orleans' music scene.
- 10.** A mixture or blend. Used to describe how New Orleans' cuisine combines elements from different cultures to create unique dishes.
- 12.** So intense as to seem almost tangible. Refers to the strong, noticeable presence of culture and spirit in New Orleans.