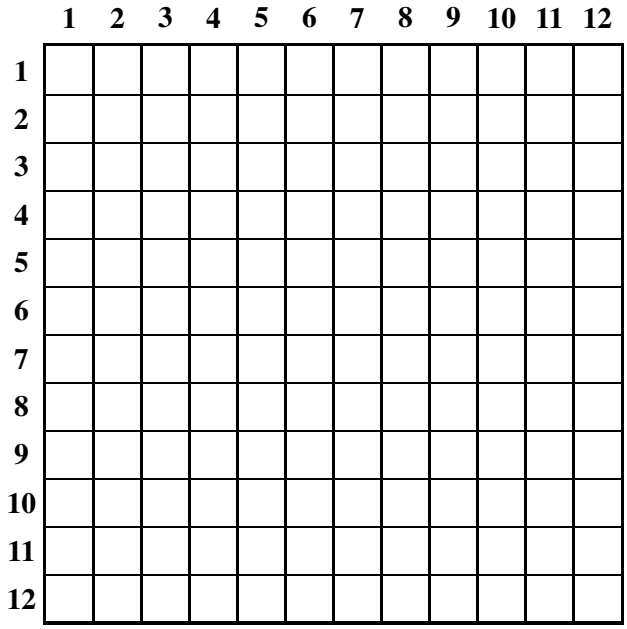
AsRqTuIaSrTe *by Xemu*



This puzzle doesn't have separate **Across** and **Down** clues because the rows and the columns in the completed diagram are the same. In other words, the letters in the puzzle are symmetric about the diagonal that runs from the upper left to the lower right. Each row and column of this puzzle consists of a 12-letter mixed-case sequence formed by "interweaving" two six-letter words. These two six-letter words, called **long** and **short** are interwoven according to a pattern specified by a third **code** word in a manner to be determined by solvers. The letters from the **long** word are to be entered in all UPPER CASE, and those from the **short** word in all lower case. As an example, if the **long** word were cubist and the **short** word Braque, the corresponding row and column might be bCUraBlqSueT, given the proper **code** word. Note that the letters do not strictly alternate, but the letters of the two six-letter words appear in their proper sequence. There are four unclued words that name a well-known artist to whom this puzzle is dedicated.

Clue answers include a few words of foreign origin. All answers (as well as the full name of our artist friend) can be found in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, 10th edition, but **4 short** and **8 long** are not very common.

Clues

1. code: Strange image appearing around Nile's source, something like the Sphinx (6)
long: *See instructions.*
short: *See instructions.*

2. code: Authentic ketchup bottles label (6)
long: Fantastic verist endeavor
short: Embarrassment in France: one art supporter left out

3. code: One starts off from "Fun City" (5)
long: Incorrectly tagged contraption
short: Mixed sienna like Van Gogh near the end

4. code: Cause foul odor coming out of one's mouth (5)
long: Plaque bearing inscription of pitched battle
short: Poles placed on either side of privy to smooth fabrics.

5. code: Mucus coating the back of Rousseau's nose (5)
long: *See instructions.*
short: Reduce oral instruction

6. code: Leave off sleeping costume (5)
long: Extremely bad art houses showed a movie
short: Engine with terminals made a painful condition

7. code: Large number of pointless excesses in ancient Rome (6)
long: Note item returned for trade
short: Apply oil paint with no beginning and no inside

8. code: Carried on when Degas turned west instead of south (5)
long: Running through the countryside, a terpsichorean muse
short: Inter-net mob running amok

9. code: Long night after 365 days (5)
long: Dubious yarn used in knotted