

ATB Cryptic #8

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Across

- 1 Party game for concert ushers? (8,5)
- 8 American coach reels them in (5)
- 9 A satiric play on early forum comments (5,3)
- 11 Queer anthem about African climate change? (3,2,2)
- 13 Zero minute phone company candidate (7)
- 14 Good morning, forward and back again for character (5)
- 15 That's right - seek conformist? (3,6)
- 17 He had right beer almost after seeing pet sanctuary (9)
- 20 Bubbled up, far from a regular minute! (5)
- 21 The North loves changes (7)
- 23 Tiny bit of some middle generation? (7)
- 24 Deal with defensive action (8)
- 25 Think education is inherently marked (5)
- 27 Acceptable, manic, real empty day - give it a rest! (6,7)

Down

- 1 Note the French "drugged disco" has singles in lofty bathrooms (4,4,4)
- 2 Last shuttles to Mars in distress (3)
- 3 Blanchett eats up crazy hot dessert (9)
- 4 Element removed to make a start (4,3)
- 5 Londoner with hard start as painter (7)
- 6 Fool nearly missed initial phrase (5)
- 7 Lead on thread ahead (6,5)
- 10 Purposefully denied termly review (12)
- 12 Performed risky act, daft Personal Trainer met defeat (7,4)
- 16 IQ failure - amazingly through to the next round (9)
- 18 Circle around snake with unpleasant voice (7)
- 19 Concerning rear sphincter holding in gas build-up - a Garfield special? (7)
- 22 Boxer's intention surrounding unknown city (5)
- 26 Māori partially welcome car (3)