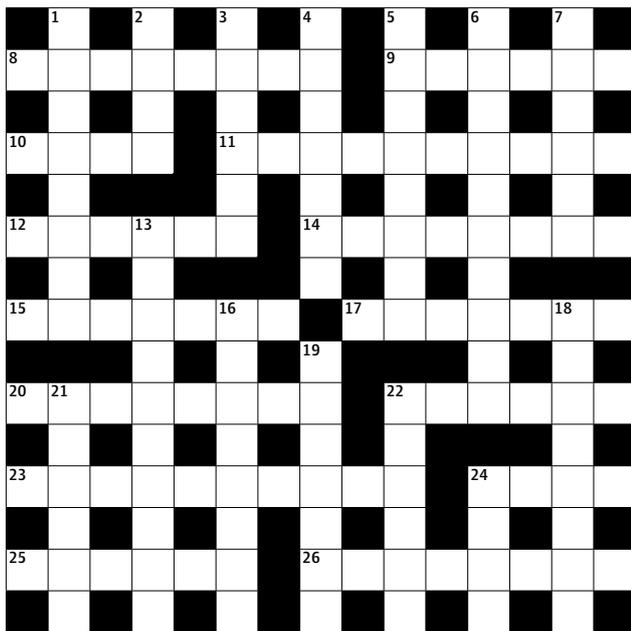


## Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,641 set by Boatman

### Across

- 8** Free-thinking woman artist in defiant gesture (8)  
**9** Outrageous prices for abstracts (6)  
**10** Painter, perhaps, leaves ship unfinished (4)  
**11** PR guru, source of ideas, high priest and god? (5-5)  
**12** Literary portrait by Mondrian, roughly trimmed (6)  
**14** Catering for travellers to Burundi, going back: a poor place to live (8)  
**15** Allusion in Monet composition (7)  
**17** Belong to painter's movement? (7)  
**20** A little love, eternally a soothing thing (4,4)  
**22** Artist rejecting "name of the game" (6)  
**23** Shaky contrivance of abstract art: model allowed to speak freely? (10)  
**24** See 7  
**25** One who would use art innovatively (6)  
**26** Church painter, one who follows trends (8)

### Down

- 1** Tiny interval in opera: company gets schedules back to front (8)  
**2,4** Clue to artists' financial troubles (4,7)  
**3** Boatman's enthralled by giant of an artist (6)

**4** See 2

- 5** It's small round small Latin country with secret hot Latin Quarter (8)  
**6** Slavishly rule-following, like at first, say, a novice, is a nervous thing (10)  
**7,24** Perhaps the artist appeared bizarrely slim in felt (6,4)  
**13** Boatman in old ship going below? Then I disguised where my destiny lies (2,3,5)  
**16** A dish? Who, me? Let Telemachus be revealed! (8)  
**18** A drug-taking artist: one revered as a visionary (8)  
**19** Pressure to compete causes artist to copy (3,4)  
**21** Not even Leonardo ends well off (6)  
**22** Get hot about Constable – he's cool (6)  
**24** Initiator of Fauvism? Munch historically was, a lot (4)

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