REFLECTING POOL

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Fill the grid, crossword style. Certain squares will contain two letters, and will need to have a diagonal placed in them oriented so that the correct words appear in each direction.

For example: where S[ID]E crosses A[ID]A, the diagonal goes from lower left to upper right (/) between the I and the D. The letter order remains the same in both directions. But where MAY[OR] crosses ER[RO]R the diagonal goes from upper left to lower right (\) so that the letters read one way across [OR] but the other way going down [RO].

Acrostically, the across clues spell ENTRY SIDE and the down clues spell AIM LASERS. Each left side entry point connects via a laser path (treating the diagonals as mirrors) to one top row exit point, providing a pair of letters. Order these letter pairs by the length of the paths the lasers trace, from shortest to longest ("Take the shortest path…"). The resulting phrase is:

SACKBUTS BECAME THEM

TROMBONES is the correct answer to this puzzle.

	Α	K	Е	М	J	Е	Ι	Α	S
S		Е	R	U	Ν	Х	Е	N	Z 0
М	Α	Υ	R/O	S	Ш	_/z	L	I	> /-
С	0	L/0	R	_	Т	Е	М	MA	W
В	L	Α	Ζ	С	I _	Р	SA	T	Α
Т	Ш	Z	_	Z	O	I	Т	I	z
Т	I E	S	Р	—	Α	N T	—	Ν	O) E
В	AL	L	_	ш/	L	°/c	Α	Т	ШD
Е	Т	Α	$\frac{9}{6}$	Ш	L	0	Т	E R	DA
С	Н	R/I	TS	S	Υ	S T	Е	M	Z E