

September 2018 Slot 6 by Lexi Conner

Across

- 1** See 21-across
- 6** Drivers delivering a section of the orchestra (5)
- 10** Exponent of soul exposes drug ring within (5)
- 11** French dramatist signifies an *expression affirmatif* with hollow laugh (7)
- 12** Australian vessel in American TV drama series (5)
- 13** Actor Bruce knocks back fish (3)
- 14** Ceaselessly covering up support for 28 (5)
- 16** Composer with unlimited flair (3)
- 17** Poke about least played instrument (8)
- 21** , **35**, **1** Are archaic grains aboard ship the beginning of some movement? (4,3,6)
- 23** Idealist rejecting outlandish ties identifying surrealist (4)
- 24** Brazilian sect requires cult initiates to be embraced by snake (7)
- 25** Passion generated in Michael Mann movie (4)
- 26** Report on English poet (4)
- 27** Bearing on encounter with artist's tool (8)
- 31** , **33**, **34** Cole Porter number states your eternal ignorance? (3,5,4)
- 32** Garment wrapped around pole in Maxim Gorky National Drama Theatre city (5)

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- 36** Song from Eminem, therefore vile! (2,3)
- 37** No new vocation evolved for Nobel laureate Paz (7)
- 38** One German author disheartened when naming Icelandic sculptor Jonsson (5)
- 39** Kundera at home of Teatro alla Scala (5)
- 40** King novel miniseries' heart is smothered by vacuous morality (6)

Down

- 2** Mutilated torso shown in 1977 miniseries (5)
- 3** Chips adopted novice Australian thespian (6)
- 4** Quiet integration with excellent group of artists (6)
- 5** Poet reversed vehicle kept by digger (6)

- 6** See 30
- 7** Process lab too big to effect essential part of performance (9)
- 8** Announcements scare away buff from De Sica film (9)
- 9** , **27-down** Grey queen had gold sent abroad to novelist (4,6)
- 15** Sculptor lost more than half return from each stock held (1,1,1)
- 18** Proclamations shrouded famous family of luthiers (5)
- 19** Folklore character Tom came from South Umbria (5)
- 20** Disguised saboteur set off to locate Star Trek captain (5)
- 21** Two articles on a menu out of place in a Victorian cultural institution (9)
- 22** Canadian soprano nominally linked with US actor and English writer (5,4)

- 26** Philip dismissed impudence from foreign letter (3)
- 27** See 9
- 28** Manages to provide shelter for live painter (6)
- 29** Dormer fitted into Bengtsson's *The Long Ships* (3,3)
- 30** , **6-down** Defunct newspaper designed for metalworkers? (6,6)
- 33** See 31
- 34** See 31