

September 2026 Slot 3 by Jesso

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Across

- 1** A musician's agreement with black birds in hell (7,7)
- 10** Oh, you, say, left malicious version for Muslim (7)
- 11** Conservative, a philosopher, with a girl ... (7)
- 12** ... and another girl has returned carrying annual return (5)
- 14** Muse tried out for Greek sculptor (9)
- 15** Left current unit with prohibited pigment (9)
- 17** Selects faulty scull (5)
- 18** Composer puts the last letter in catalogue (5)
- 20** Old revolutionary element to stir up, lacking employment (9)
- 22** Cassette in wagon on crest (9)
- 25** Stock sound timber (5)
- 26** King unbends, declining massage! (7)
- 27** Doctor takes forty winks in French island in the rain (7)
- 29** Inspect nails as the stuff of dreams (7,2,5)

Down

- 2** Barrel contains two lots of slangy information (7)
- 3** Eccentric runner in England (3)
- 4** Cared about hurried ... (5)
- 5** ... front-runner - form horse on the outside (9)
- 6** Notice male it let in (5)
- 7** State repeated about women's spite (3,4)
- 8** Türkiye's answer is to increase duty at source if made with semiconductors (14)
- 9** German engineer charged for a kind of locomotive (6-8)
- 13** Had not finished ... part bent! (5)
- 16** Emphasises, admitting the same misfortunes (9)
- 17** Secure cold wine (5)
- 19** Son to plagiarise opponents' copyists (7)
- 21** Fly low around river in first-class part of Italy (7)
- 23** Reason oddly university lecturer is a man (5)
- 24** Donne, strangely erect (3,2)
- 28** A redcap mischief-maker (3)