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Across

- 1** Heart-wrenching aria of dying Irish princess over body of beloved Cornish knight concluding transcendent opera by Wagner
- 7** Fictional Mesopotamian home of patriarch Abraham in foundational myth conceived by Levites in Babylon establishing tenets of chosenness, separation, exclusive entitlement to entirety of Canaan and genocidal aggression as fulfillment of divine will
- 8** *My Australian Roots* (initials)
- 9** Enigmatic Pasolini film in which mysterious visitor announcing arrival by telegram destroys sanity of Milanese bourgeois family with Silvana Mangano, Anne Wizemsky, Terence Stamp as smouldering stranger and Massimo Girotti as family patriarch in surreal conclusion staggering naked on rocky slope of Mount Etna
- 12** Effigy worshipped in mortal sin of Judaism
- 13** Ardent, fervent, eager, keen
- 14** Netflix series with cliffhanger ending about mysterious character who might or might not be Jesus with Michelle Monaghan as troubled CIA agent, Tomer Sisley as guilt-ridden Shin Bet operative and Belgian heartthrob Mehdi Dehbi in title role
- 15** A quick brown fox (initials)
- 16** *Messiah* episode (initials)
- 17** Pseudohistorical term increasingly used when referring to Palestinian territory in northern West Bank conveying barely concealed threat of imminent annexation (see 8 across)
- 20** Imelda Marcos *or* Increase Mathers *or* Ichabod Mudd *or* Inspector Morse (initials)

- 22** Belligerent military alliance maintaining US hegemony in northern hemisphere
- 23** Marie Antoinette, Franz Messerschmidt, Mozart, Freud, Klimt, Hitler, Herbert von Karajan, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Inspector Rex etc.

Down

- 1** Cunard Line ocean liner sunk by German U-boat off coast of Ireland on 7th May 1915 leading to American entry into WWI
- 2** Islamic Revolution *or* *International Rescue* (initials)
- 3** Music genre (*Sunny Day Real Estate*, *Dashboard Confessional*, *Cap'n Jazz*, *Moose Blood* etc.) with sub-genre *Screamo* (*I Hate Myself* etc.)
- 4** Famous Swami (from 70s)
- 5** Famous fountain (in *Roman Holiday*, *La Dolce Vita* and *Sabrina Goes to Rome*)
- 6** Army of devoted fans dedicated to attending every concert of legendary Californian band
- 9** Alias used by Simon Templar when undercover in *The Saint* (not Sugarman Treacle)
- 10** Massive German tank used by *Panzerjäger* (anti-tank units) during WW1 (nickname due to size)
- 11** US city associated with vice
- 18** Spoil, tarnish, blot (esp. a reputation through poor judgment such as Prince Andrew or Alan Jones)
- 19** Republic of Australia (initials)
- 21** Manchester United *or* Mr. Universe (initials)