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Across

- 1** Famous park (not Hyde, Gorky, Monceau, Central, Regent's, Fort Tryon or Werribee) (clue: in Oxford) (in 60s)
- 7** *GodWeenSatan: ... Oneness (Ween)*
- 8** Orange Revolution *or* Oral Roberts (initials)
- 9** Maverick Swiss priest, theologian and author (*Existiert Gott?* etc.) banned from teaching by John Paul II in 1979 for doubts about papal infallibility (*Unfehlbar?*) (4, 4)
- 12** Controversial Nicki Minaj song with arresting video in jungle setting
- 13** Series winner and fan favourite for kindness, sensitivity and willingness to show vulnerable side crying alone at fire pit after having heart broken when Toni chose to go with Harrison even though she had brought him back from Casa Amor in recent series of UK *Love Island*
- 14** Celebrated Japanese director of unwatchable masterpiece *Fires on the Plain* (first name)
- 15** Where was St. George martyred by Romans on 23rd April, 303 (2, 3)
- 16** Northern Ireland *or* nuclear Iran (initials)
- 17** Coward, Gallagher, Redding, Neill etc.
- 18** Famous work by Leonardo depicting Jesus and Mary Magdalen sitting together at a table flanked by disciples (omitting Judas) forming a large, mysterious, letter "M" at centre of painting celebrating their love (initials)
- 19** Address on Sunset Strip of detective agency of "Stu" Bailey (Efrem Zimbalist Jr.) in 60s TV show known for infectious Mack David theme and comedy relief supplied by rock 'n' roll-loving, wisecracking, hair-combing hepcat Gerald "Kookie" Kookson III, aspiring PI and valet parking attendant at Dean Martin's club *Dino's Lodge* next door (initials)

Across (contd.)

- 20** Thirteenth letter of alphabet (see 18 across) made from colourful interlocking plastic bricks (4, 1)

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Down

- 1** "My dad is coming home!" What are Matt Damon, Ann Hathaway and Tom Holland in blockbuster new film version of *The Odyssey* (also Mia Goth) (from *Nymp()*maniac)
- 2** Son of Nyx (Night) in Greek mythology and twin of Hypnos (Sleep) seen as a benign psychopomp personifying non-violent death and peaceful transition to the Afterlife
- 3** Traditional site of "upper room" of Last Supper on Mount Zion outside old city in Jerusalem (near Chamber of the Holocaust)
- 4** Controversial Japanese conceptual and recording artist (*Woman is the N***** of the World*) known for screaming and breaking up *Beatles*
- 5** Aggressive, high-energy subgenre of Southern hip hop from 90s known for heavy Roland 808 beats and unlistenable shouted vocals (associated with Lil Jon, *Three 6 Mafia*, and *The Ying Yang Twins*) (prefiguring Trap in 00s)
- 6** *WR: Mysteries of the ...* Controversial, 1970 arthouse classic by Dušan Makavejev banned in former Yugoslavia for obscenity and "derision of the state" (with Tuli Kupferberg as self in role of obnoxious hippie)
- 10** German dissident and *Weißer Rose* co-founder guillotined for treason in 1943 with touching last words "Die Sonne scheint noch"
- 11** "I wander thro' each charter'd street / Near where the charter'd Thames does flow etc." Mixed-up Blake poem (about what the Goncourt brothers regarded as "the cruelest capital of Europe")
- 18** Pioneering German horror film directed by Paul Wegener about clay monster brought to life by great Rabbi Loew to protect Jews from pogroms in 16th century Prague and help out around ghetto (English title) (initials)