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Across

- 1 Heavenly, winged creature with beautiful face which transported Prophet Muhammed (swt) from Mecca to Jerusalem in miraculous night flight giving name to wall from Roman times (having survived destruction of 70 CE) where it was tethered before continuing on journey to Heaven (2-5)
- 7 Portuguese for moon
- 8 Celebrated director known for low energy art films depicting life in modern Japan (*Tokyo Story*, *Late Winter*, *Floating Weeds* etc.)
- 9 I am a stranger on the shore but I am not there (**WARNING** Cryptic)
- 10 *Mothers of Invention* or mind of ian (initials)
- 11 Produce long, wavering, high-pitched vocal sound (with trilling quality) expressing overwhelming emotion in Arab world
- 13 Group with nine members such as *Twice*, Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band or *Slipknot*
- 14 International body established July 1st 2002 with jurisdiction over four core crimes under international law: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and acts of aggression ratified by 123 member states with notable exceptions US and Israel due to inclusion of invasion, occupation, annexation, bombardment and blockade as crimes of aggression (also “the action of transferring populations into occupied territory” under war crimes) (1, 1, 1)
- 15 City in Westchester County on the Hudson river north of the Bronx featured in *The Matchmaker* by Thornton Wilder (originally *The Merchant of ...*) (also Tyler the Creator song with confronting video with cockroach and apparent suicide of controversial rapper at end)

Down

- 1 Iconic American everyman in hit TV show from 90s (2, 5)
- 2 Temporary pause before resumption of genocidal violence
- 3 Russian anarchist philosopher known for feud with Marx over role of lumpenproletariat and prescient warning that Marxist regimes would become dictatorships (called by Noam Chomsky “one of the few predictions in the social sciences that actually came true”)
- 4 “A fine ... / with no kisses / a fine ... / my friend this is etc.” *A Fine ...* Jerome Kern
- 5 Archaic term for nitrogen meaning no life
- 6 Death (poetic) with inference of welcome relief from vicissitudes of life
- 12 7 ft 7in American movie actor known for roles requiring height notably robot Gort in *The Day the Earth Stood Still* and title role in 1954 horror adventure *The Snow Creature* by Billy Wilder’s brother W. Lee Wilder (first name)

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