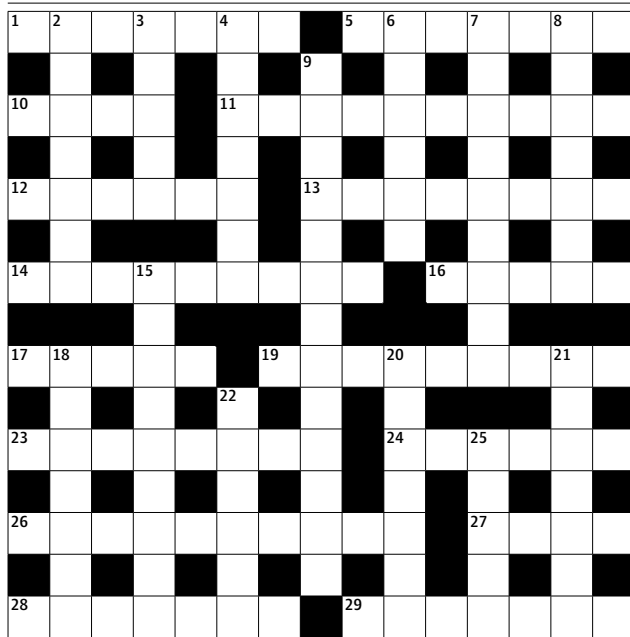


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Across

- 1 Moo from lower player in duet? (7)
- 5 Playing harmoniously, wasting hours with this support (7)
- 10 Band's 4 17s (4)
- 11 Two ways round tackling complex issues in evening wear (5,5)
- 12 Risk engaging nationalist composer (6)
- 13 What's down-at-heel Solti upset about? Not odd members of sextet (8)
- 14 See 7
- 16 Reportedly studies vibrators for 25 (5)
- 17 Some are possibly taken aback by 12's work (5)
- 19 One very wealthy nearly packs 17 house of equal dimensions (9)
- 23 Lead in 12 17 and much else, including Tannhäuser overture (8)
- 24 12's Irish girl lives with former principal of ensemble (6)
- 26 It ends with huge outburst? Bless you (as 12 put it) (10)
- 27 Test allegro finale with rallentando intro (4)
- 28 Harry Potter stripped etc for group (7)
- 29 Tenor is German – managed houses for 24's lover (7)

Down

- 2 Music publisher fixed price in Dubai, say (7)

- 3 German in African port stops there (5)

- 4 Encyclopaedist in Germany tried miserably to grasp 10 (7)
- 6 18's sextet, minus 9 (3,3)
- 7,14 In piece by 18, Euterpe, volume and tempo vary, new for old (9,9)
- 8 Having scored, doze off touring gallery (7)
- 9 Arrange tie-ins and mergers to produce 12 work (13)
- 15 First note after Bach prelude removed, cut out? What a let-down (9)
- 18 Lemmon finally appears in The Odd Couple as barman (7)
- 20 It's more moving, hence state of audience's eyes? (7)
- 21 Supreme leader underpins popular state (7)
- 22 Ringed in a cloud shrouding climax to Siegfried (6)
- 25 They're played by 10 blowers regularly (5)

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