

ACROSS

- 9 Pianist arrives to take gold (5)
- 10 Guy I have following Elgar's variation for instructional purposes (9)
- 11 Operatic location featuring in this evil legend (7)
- 12 Flowing garments around enthusiasts taking in end of ballet (7)
- 13 Was unnecessarily critical: what's the fool chosen? (9)
- 14 Key material's spare, with energy primarily (5)
- 15 What might be represented as total Callas area! (6,4,5)
- 19 Mother taking us in operatic cafe (5)
- 20 Composer's confused his barman (9)
- 23 List of things, hard, associated with fashionable violinist (7)
- 24 Relaxes after playing tuba, say, formerly with hard drinks (7)
- 25 Various chances to incorporate feasible ground basses? (9)
- 26 Shostakovich includes one cacophony (5)

DOWN

- 1 Means test mostly upset French composer (8)
- 2 Jazz fan circulating wild party finally removed tie (6)
- 3 Head of jury 5 with roll out from US academy (9,6)
- 4 Not half rash, capturing live old stringed instrument (6)
- 5 Music not initially laid out – that gets you seriously upset (8)
- 6 Fan's hype for hymn re-expressed in orchestral piece (7,8)
- 7 Composer spinning a mosaic around second of arias (8)
- 8 I am surprised about Irish river being connected with the Beatles (6)
- 16 Operatic song about soldiers, note, from Khachaturian? (8)
- 17 Composer – name found in old England and Italy (8)
- 18 Part of Requiem – one that is sung, rising around D (5,3)
- 19 Copies operatic heroine – contralto? Soprano (6)
- 21 Not favouring a section of hymn (6)
- 22 Impressed, turning face up after one note (6)