ACROSS
1 Strong-flavoured Italian cabbage with dark green leaves, also known as cavolo nero (6,4)
6 Capital of Eritrea (6)
11 “Gentleman Jim”, boxer who first became World Heavyweight champion in 1892 (7)
12 The old British flintlock musket (5,4)
13 Large edible mushroom (9)
14 William, English gunmaker and gun designer (7)
15 Novel by Graham Greene (3,5,8)
17 One of the Channel Islands (8)
19 1974 film starring Peter Boyle and Paula Prentiss (5,3)
22 Royal Command Film starring Mario Lanza (7,5,4)
26 Phyllis, Canadian science fiction writer, author of Sunburst (7)
27 Fishing port and resort in Suffolk (9)
28 Laura, and Moira Demos, writers and directors of the US TV documentary serial Making a Murderer (9)
29 Roger Lloyd-Pack’s character in the TV sitcom Only Fools and Horses (7)
30 Michaelangelo, Italian artist known for his paintings of birds (6)
31 City and port in South Carolina; capital of West Virginia (10)

DOWN
1 Birthplace of Bing Crosby (6)
2 1916 American short film directed by Fred Kelsey (9)
3 American musical with music and lyrics by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx (6,1)
4 Actress who often starred opposite Spencer Tracy (9,7)
5 The text of an opera or other long vocal work (8)
7 City in central Bolivia (5,4)
8 Oldest recorded language of the Iranian branch of the Indo-European family (7)
9 Person who keeps goshawks (10)
10 Central character in the 1944 film Arsenic and Old Lace (8,8)
16 Percussion instrument used on ceremonious occasions by Protestant communities in Northern Ireland (6,4)
18 Louis-François, sculptor of the statue of Handel in Vauxhall Gardens (1737) (9)
20 Actor who played Joe Buck in the 1969 film Midnight Cowboy (3,6)
21 -------- Arsenal, club that joined the Football League in 1893 (8)
23 Dark extract of some Indian plants rich in tannin (7)
24 Léonide, Russian dancer and choreographer (7)
25 William, author of Sophie’s Choice (6)

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