

The Undone Years - Fire - Sydney - April 3 2011

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I and the family drove from Melbourne to Sydney (and back) for the weekend of the 2nd-3rd April to hear the first performance of The Undone Years - Fire with Jason X and the Bourbaki ensemble under David Angell.

We were most impressed. Jason gave a totally different performance, balancing the percussive transparency of the string sounds and producing some magical whispers. The ensemble were clearly on the edge of their seats, and clearly had put a lot of work into understanding the music.

I'm almost prepared to say these two versions are different works, even though they share all the musical material and soloist. The Fire/Flood contrast is a significant expressive difference.