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### Museum of Modern Art's Rain Room lets visitors explore a 'carefully choreographed downpour' without getting wet

The new installation is a major part of MOMA's EXPO 1: New York art festival.

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The new exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan allows you to stay dry while walking through the rain.

If magic were real, it might feel something like this.

The Museum of Modern Art's [Rain Room](#) exhibit gives humans a supernatural sort of power over their environment. As visitors walk through falling sheets of rain in the darkened space, a 5-foot circle dries up over their heads. It's as if the rain were guarding your steps.

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As water cascades down, a 5-foot dry circle opens up over visitors, allowing them to remain dry.

The design team at [Random International](#) has purposely evaded questions about how exactly the feat is accomplished. According to digital artist Hannes Koch, the installation room is full of 3D cameras that capture real-time information about the participants' movements.

"The installation recognizes the presence of the viewer," Koch told [Vulture](#).

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The piece, created by Random International, releases a 260-gallon-per-minute shower.

But if you move too quickly, there's a chance you might get wet.

The vast exhibit can only hold up to 10 people at a time, which adds up to a significant wait for the many trying to get in.

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The special installation runs from May 12 to July 28. The design team at Random International is tight-lipped about how it pulled off the feat.

“Modern Family’s” [Julie Bowen](#) waited two hours to get in.

**Julie Bowen** ✓

@itsJulieBowen

Two hour wait for rain room, but I'm in! [say.ly/zHQ5Pra](http://say.ly/zHQ5Pra)

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The Rain Room, housed in a lot adjacent to MOMA, is part of EXPO 1: New York, an art festival organized by MOMA that explores ecological challenges.

The exhibit will stay open until July 28.

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