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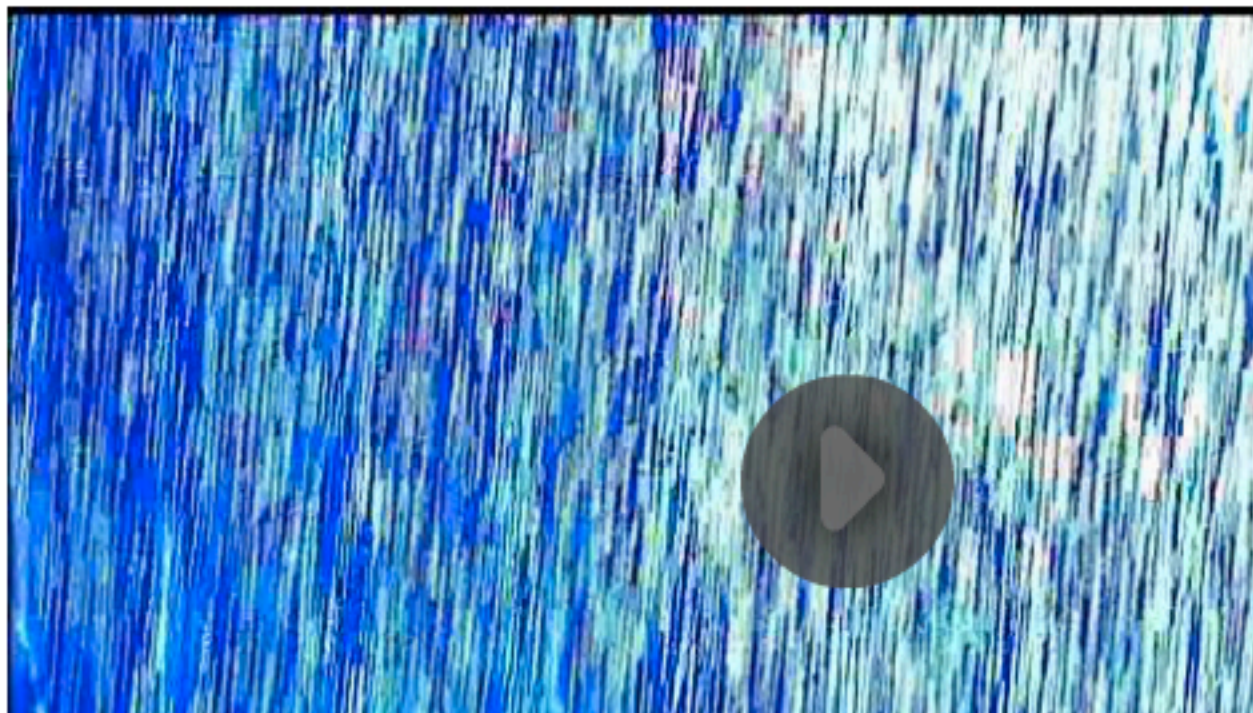
'Rain Room' at MoMA

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NEW YORK (MYFOXNY) - The sun may be shining outside, but inside a peculiar cube on West 54th Street in Manhattan it's pouring.



"I brought my hat so just in case I did get wet, I could cover," said one visitor.

But hats need not apply at the "Rain Room" exhibit at the museum of modern art unless you're running around quickly.

"We got a little wet, but then we learned that you need to put your arm out to slow it down," one woman said.

This is an immersing rain fall that allows you to stand in the rain without getting wet. Sensors detect your position and stop the rain when you're coming through.

"We've given the installation eyes, basically it recognizes that you're in it and then it switches off the rain above you," said Hannes Koch, the artist. He said the greatest payoff is seeing the reaction of the guests who walk through it.

"It's often a smile, it's contemplation, and it's amazement that they can control the weather or seemingly control the weather around them," he said.

One visitor told Fox 5: "It's just surrounding us, it's just beautiful, it's like being God."

The exhibit is open through July 28.

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