

Photos: Walk Between The Raindrops At MoMA's New "Rain Room"



(Katie Sokoler / Gothamist)



MoMA's ingenious new interactive installation, Rain Room, opens today in a lot next to the museum, where a handful of visitors at a time are permitted into a mysterious dark space to stroll through a storm without getting wet. The exhibit, which debuted at the Barbican Centre in London last year, utilizes 3D motion sensor cameras to pause the rain wherever a body is detected. Here's video from the London show:

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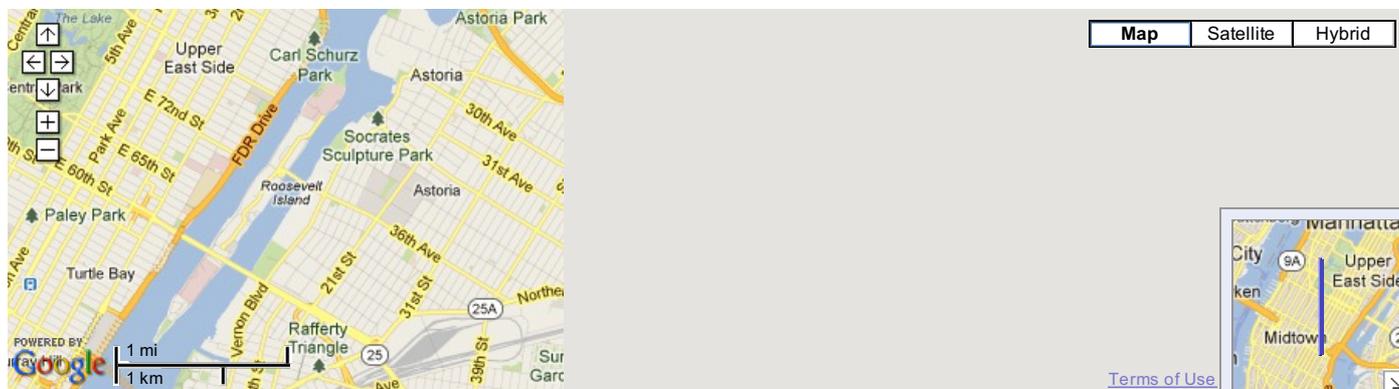
The overall effect is mesmerizing—a semi-blinding white klieg light at the back of the room disorients your field of vision while highlighting the millions of individual raindrops showering down around you on all sides. The motion sensors are so sensitive that you can sweep your arm through the deluge and still keep your shirt dry. Move too quickly, however, and you can get good and soaked if want.

Random International, the collective which created the Rain Room, requests that only ten people are admitted at a time, so be prepared to stand on line à la The Clock. But if you bring a book, we think it's worth the wait, and you won't have to worry about the pages getting wet.

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I went today- nothing like waiting in line for three hours to watch assholes take bad cell phone photos of themselves for 10 minutes and walk out.

This was also really mismanaged by MOMA- there are no announcements that people should consider limiting their time in the exhibit to 5 minutes, no policy that says 5 minute limit (which there really needs to be), no benches to sit and wait (plenty of old people and kids in the line), information booth staff who said it was a "1 hour wait" when it clearly wasn't, and no announcement that you still have to wait in another line once you make it into the room. Very cool exhibit but definitely not worth the wait.

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