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Unimpressed with holiday cheer? Well, off season haunts are heating up and one of New York's most notable haunted attractions is reopening this holiday season for one more good scare.

NIGHTMARE, the ever-changing house of terror in New York's Lower East Side is doing two weeks of longer/tweaked performances of this year's popular side attraction, "The Experiment" from December 9-23. Getting underway at Los Kabayitos Laboratorio (in the Clemente Soto Velez Cultural Center, 107 Suffolk Street between Rivington and Delancey), The Experiment is described thusly: "Studies have shown that the anxiety of the holiday season, coupled with seasonal depression, heightens the neurotransmitters associated with feelings of fear. The Psycho Clan experimental division plans on exploiting those levels of fear for an adrenaline rushing 50 minutes of twisted holiday pleasure, with NIGHTMARE (BEFORE CHRISTMAS): THE EXPERIMENT. The event was originally part of this year's haunted house as a second attraction, but due to its popularity, has been expanded and will return for a horrifying Christmas spectacular that's able to amplify what it did in its previous installment and experiment on the whole audience in a terrifying (and entertaining) examination into the limits of fear.

"The Experiment takes place in a small lab putting the audience through 10 intense experiments testing a broad range of common fears that people experience. The audience plays the subject in a case study for research on the threshold of fear. Will your limits be hit? The following fears are being examined (in no particular order): The dark, powerlessness, heart-break, paranoia, cruelty, repulsion, dread, under-achievement, humiliation, and pain."

NIGHTMARE co-director Timothy Haskell explains, "Christmas is supposed to be a joyful time. For too many, it just isn't. If you don't always feel joy during the holidays, a good scare will trigger those senses. The same endorphins that are released during moments of joy and pleasure are the same ones coursing through your nervous system during times of great fright. So let fear ignite your holiday spirit!"

You can catch a trailer for The Experiment below, and pick up tickets at NIGHTMARE's official site .

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