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00:00:05,005 --> 00:00:07,941
In April 2018, the Hubble Space
Telescope premiered this image

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00:00:07,941 --> 00:00:12,212
of the Lagoon Nebula

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00:00:12,212 --> 00:00:19,019
The image honors Hubble's 28th
year in orbit.

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00:00:19,019 --> 00:00:22,022
Even after 27 years, Hubble
continues to further humanity's

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00:00:22,022 --> 00:00:26,026
knowledge of the universe

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00:00:26,026 --> 00:00:29,529
Here are several science
achievements from Hubble's

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00:00:29,529 --> 00:00:33,534
latest year of observations.

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00:00:33,534 --> 00:00:36,970
Within our own solar system,

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00:00:36,970 --> 00:00:42,042
Hubble observed Neptune's shrinking storm,

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00:00:42,042 --> 00:00:46,046
an asteroid that split in half
5000 years ago and is sprouting

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00:00:46,046 --> 00:00:48,280
a comet tail,

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00:00:55,060 --> 00:01:02,320
and the farthest active inbound
comet, nicknamed "K2."

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Exploring beyond our solar
system,

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Hubble astronomers discovered
many new characteristics of

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planets around other stars,

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from finding that water is
common in these "exoplanet"

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atmospheres,

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to finding different types of
atmospheres among large planets

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called "hot Jupiters."

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Hubble observed four Earth-sized
planets in the habitable zone of

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the star TRAPPIST-1.

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The observations showed no signs of thick, puffy atmospheres on

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at least three planets,

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increasing the likelihood that these are rocky,

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terrestrial planets.

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Hubble observed visible light from the first identified source

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of gravitational waves, created when two neutron stars collided.

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With Hubble data, astronomers used gravitational lensing to

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determine the mass of a white dwarf star.

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Hubble observed a massive dying star being reborn

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as a black hole.

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Hubble witnessed light from a supernova explosion reflecting

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off a dust cloud, which created
this "light echo."

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00:02:25,679 --> 00:02:30,017

Astronomers using Hubble refined
the Hubble constant.

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00:02:30,017 --> 00:02:34,354

This revealed that the expansion
of our universe is accelerating

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even faster than expected.

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And Hubble premiered a
360-degree fly-through of the

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Orion Nebula...

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so that those of us down on
Earth can imagine

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flying amongst the stars.

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For more information about
Hubble's scientific discoveries