

Astronomers select Top Ten Hubble Space Telescope images



1. Sombrero Galaxy



2. Ant Nebula



3. Eskimo



4. Cat's Eye Nebula



5. Hourglass Nebula

After correcting an initial problem with the lens, when the Hubble Space Telescope was first launched in 1990, the floating astro-observatory began to relay back to Earth, incredible snapshots of the 'final frontier' it was perusing. Recently, astronomers voted on the top photographs taken by the Hubble telescope. The dimensions of the galaxy, officially called M104, are as spectacular as its appearance. It has 800 billion suns and is 50,000 light years across. The Ant Nebula, a cloud of dust and gas whose technical name is Mz3, resembles an ant when observed using ground-based telescopes... The Sombrero Galaxy - 28 million light years

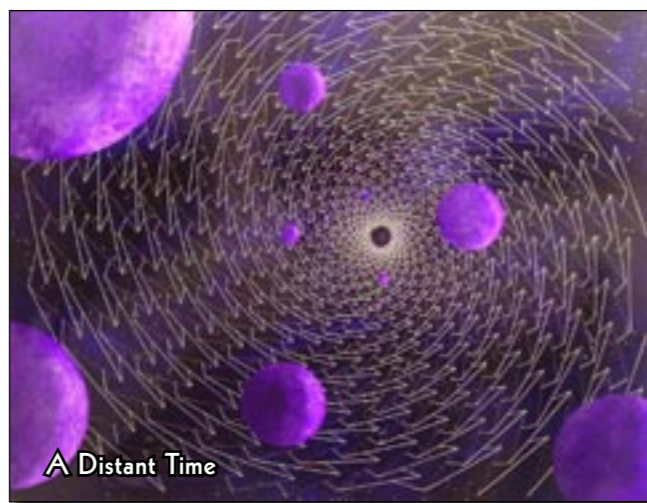
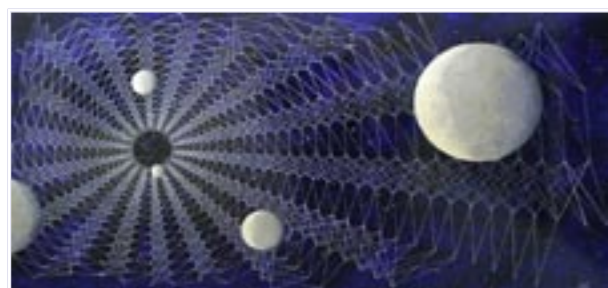
from Earth - was voted best picture taken by the Hubble telescope. The dimensions of the galaxy, officially called M104, are as spectacular as its appearance. It has 800 billion suns and is 50,000 light years across. The Ant Nebula, a cloud of dust and gas whose technical name is Mz3, resembles an ant when observed using ground-based telescopes...

The nebula lies within our galaxy between 3,000 and 6,000 light years from Earth. In third place is Nebula NGC 2392, called 'Eskimo' because it looks like a face surrounded by a furry hood. The hood is, in fact, a ring of comet-shaped objects flying away from a dying star.

Eskimo is 5,000 light years from Earth. At four is the Cat's Eye Nebula. The Hourglass Nebula, 8,000 light years away, has a 'pinched-in-the-middle' look because the winds that shape it are weaker at the centre.

Leigh Arnold's universal window

Windows On The Universe



A Distant Time

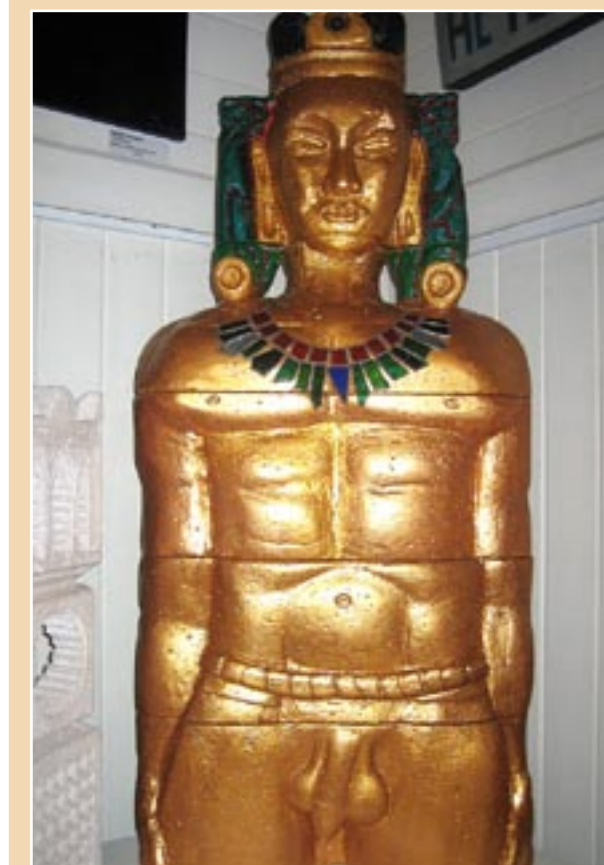


Outflow

New works by Leigh Arnold at the Nimbin Regional Gallery Nimbin Community Centre, 10th - 25th January 2009 Grand Opening 6.00 PM Friday 9th January 2009 Nimbin artist Leigh Arnold's images are at the interface of science and art, inspired by quantum physics, astronomy, mathematics, string theory and other arcane cosmologies. His works are hand painted using mixed media with metallic pigments, subtle glazes and extremely fine pen work. They are all the more extraordinary in that Leigh does not use a computer. He has the "gift of dyslexia" which opens up ways of seeing mathematical and geometric images that most of us cannot imagine. Many more of Leigh's works may be seen at the Nimbin Artists Gallery in the main street. Gallery Open Daily from 10.00AM to 4.00PM Admission FREE



Buddha blessings



This image of Mac McMahon's latest addition to the Nimbin Artists Gallery, titled "My Buddha, My Prince, My Lover" is made from hebel stone, acrylic and glass paints. There is also a glass necklace around the Buddha's neck that Mac made in the stained glass class run by Michael Murphy as part of the Nimbin Open Learning Centre's 2008 program. The Buddha was part of the Tropical Fruits New Years Eve celebrations at Lismore Showgrounds in the Art Exhibition, the theme of which was 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. You can view the Buddha now in the Nimbin Artists Gallery as well as many other fine artworks from local Nimbin artists.



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