



The bar at Galactix.



Owners Jeremy Towsey-French and Marcus Liotta at Galactix.



This line of pinball machines makes up just a part of the arcade at Galactix.

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which are unique to Oregon and beyond. “We have games here you won’t find anywhere else West of the Mississippi,” Liotta said.

The Japanese four-player sit-down game Dariusburst is one of only about 10 in the United States. Galactix also boasts one of two Les Schwab pinball machines in the world.

The soundtrack reverberating through the spaceship features 60 different actors who intersperse electronic music with stories, notices and announcements, giving the experience a theatrical feel.

The duo met in 2018 at Reville Ciderworks.

They fleshed out an idea for an arcade and taphouse that would focus equally on beer and cider.

Liotta has been collecting arcade games for two decades and drew inspiration for Galactix from the New York-based Barcade and Portland’s Ground Kontrol.

Liotta had planned to put in an arcade in the back basement space of the building from the outset. The building’s street-level suites host the South Bay Wild Fish House, Terra Stones, Wild Roots Massage and Reclamation Marketplace antique shop.

Before the installation of its signage, sometime in February, Galactix can still feel like a fortuitous discovery to a casual passerby.

Even though it has only been in operation since early January, the venture has exceeded all founders’ expectations, particularly given the limitations the pandemic imposed on the hospitality industry. Galactix boasts a new HVAC system with hospital-grade air filtration. “We want all our patrons and employees to feel safe and comfortable,” Towsey-French said.

Serious gamers, classic arcade nostalgics and seekers of something different on the North Coast have begun to flock to the arcade and taphouse. Up to 49 people can fit on the Galactix deck, with minors over 13 allowed until 5 p.m.

“It’s also a fun date-night place,” Liotta said. “And an escape hatch,” Towsey-French added.

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