

GALACTIX

IMMERSIVE ARCADE OPENS IN DOWNTOWN ASTORIA



Owners Marcus Liotta and Jeremy Towsey-French at Galactix.

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Sometimes you have to venture underground to reach outer space. That's the feeling visitors get at Galactix, an immersion arcade and taphouse located in the basement of the M&N Building in downtown Astoria.

Its founders, Jeremy Towsey-French and Marcus Liotta, say the idea is to "escape to someplace new, someplace foreign." Liotta added, "We wanted to bring the person outside of their day to day, show them a new

'WE HAVE GAMES HERE YOU WON'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.'

Marcus Liotta, co-founder of Galactix, an immersion arcade and taphouse in Astoria

world."

Liotta and his wife, Michelle, purchased the building a few years ago and restored it. Towsey-French is the owner of Reveille Ciderworks in Astoria.

The interior of the new taphouse is fash-

ioned into an entertainment deck of an intergalactic cruiser called Galactix, with each of the more than 30 arcade and nearly a dozen pinball games taking passengers to a separate microcosm.

"Our goal is to make this not just a great

immersive experience for gaming, but also a great place for cider lovers and craft beer lovers," said Towsey-French. "It's about celebrating Northwest craft beverages."

Galactix offers 24 taps split evenly between beer and cider. Passengers can enjoy their brews while playing the games, all of which are outfitted with cupholders and cashless play. Users need a dedicated mobile app to pay for and launch the games, some of

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