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## **ULTIMATE PINBALL AND GAMER FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Oct. 22-24 Enjoy pinball, beer and spirits tasting and more**

Denver, Colo., October 22-24, 2021, is right around the corner. Pinball and arcade games are calling! Kick-off your Halloween festivities with three amazing days in Denver with amazing pinball and classic arcade games to play for free with admission. Experience the sights, sounds, and excitement of hands-on games. Colorado Movie Cars will be on-site to pair up with classic pop-culture games like Ghost Busters, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Jurassic Park, and more. Grab the friends and escape, bring the family, make it a weekend away, an awesome date night, or dare we say play hooky from work?

New for 2021! Purchase a \$25 rider to your festival ticket to join in the fun at the very first beer and spirits tasting. Unlimited tastings with your very own collector's tasting glass. Amazing local breweries and distillers have joined together with the Northwest Douglas County Chamber and Economic Development Corporation to bring to our friends at the Rocky Mtn Pinball Showdown and Gameroom Expo a fantastic beer and spirits tasting 1-5 pm each on Friday, 10/22, and Saturday 10/23. Delicious offerings from Someplace Else Brewery, Rocker Spirits, Axe and the Oak, Elevtd Seltzer, Blue Note Bourbon, Colorado Plus 49 Cidery and Tap House, Living the Dream, Mythology, and more!

Play for fun, or opt-in to compete in pinball tournaments for all ages and skill levels with trophies, cash, prizes and glory. A full slate of casual and friendly tournaments challenges individuals, rookies, kids, parent-kid teams, and more. For an extra special Halloween treat, play in the Horrorhouse Fest Pinball Tournament of Death, a spooktacular haunted pinball tournament for creepy prizes. Play pinball in the IFPA sanctioned Open and Novice Tournaments for cash, trophies, WPPR points, and glory.

The festival brings special guests from industry and the community to give fans great opportunities to interact with cool personalities, to discuss timely topics, and to bring a fresh, in-demand perspective of our wider community. Know those beautiful molds and toys you so love on pinball machines? Fay Kiaurakis works for American Pinball crafting your favorite pinball gaming experience with the artistry of mold making. She hails from the movie industry and has credits from Captain America 2, Transformers, and more.

Listen to trench stories with Jim Schelberg of *PinGame Journal* to gain a wider perspective on the pinball industry and hobby through a mix of stories, vintage photos and videos. Get behind the scenes looks at the people, games, and places that make pinball awesome.

Join a workshop on pinball playing tips and tricks with Ryan Wanger of Comet Pinball. Pinball designer Steve DuBe will look under the hood of a virtual pinball machine. Join a game developer's panel discussing pinball, mobile, eSports, and VR game development with Jet Ternlund. Learn from Blizzard Mountain Pinball's Kevin McCarthy in a workshop to solve what plagues you in pinball games.

Belles and Chimes is a national network of women's pinball leagues open to all ages and skill levels. Deanna Scalf, Karli Pigford, Laura McCarthy, and Gretchen Garcia of the Denver Belles and Chimes will host a Q&A for festival friends.



Hang out with friends and hide your cell phones for pinball and arcade trivia sessions each day. Saturday night rock out with the PinBall Monster Bash from 8 pm - midnight with lights-out to play games and DJ with Halloween-themed music. The pinball and arcade community's swap meet is Sunday 8 - 10 a.m. just outside the festival.

General admission is \$40 one-day adult pass; \$18 one-day kid pass (7-12 years); kids 6 and under free. Beer and Spirits Tasting rider is \$25, 21+ only. The festival is located at the Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows, 10345 Park Meadows Dr., Lone Tree, CO 80124. General admission show hours are all-ages welcome: noon to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22; 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 23; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24.

For more information and the schedule of events, email [info@PinballShowdown.com](mailto:info@PinballShowdown.com), or visit <https://www.pinballshowdown.com>.

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