

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Veni, Vidi, Vici

If you like listening to jazz and having some good old 'thin-crust' Italian Pizza, then all you have to do is get a ride across the Rabindra Sharani in Uttara. Standing tall at road number four, amidst the gleaming lights of a chain of restaurants is the Veni, Vidi, Vici.

THE restaurant derives its name from a Latin phrase, first used by Julius Caesar, meaning 'I came, I saw, conquered.' Just as Caesar used these words after a flawless finish in a battle in Asia Minor; visitors of the Italian restaurant at Uttara can feel the same after going through some of its special delicacies.

The most difficult aspect for any Italian restaurant in Dhaka is to impress its customers with its pizzas; after all, they can't just be like any other. There's always that extra inch of expectation.

And to our delight, the pizza at Veni, Vidi, Vici does live up to its expectations. The juicy crunch, accompanied with its thin crust and traditional toppings makes it all worth it. Mind you, our 'pizza test' was not an easy one. They were asked to make a customised version, with prawns on half the side and chicken on the other; and despite the rather tough ask, the outcome was quite smooth. The pizzas range from around Tk 400 to Tk 700 and can comfortably be devoured by two 'average' Dhakaites.

If you're not into pizzas, don't worry, you can be mesmerised by the restaurant's Lasagna. True, Lasagna's tend to be rich, fattening and tasty, but the one at this tri-coloured restaurant, has a unique tangy flavour, courtesy of the sauce served along with it, which actually makes you want to



use two forks instead of one! So no matter what Lasagna you order, the sense of vibrancy in the taste remains.

The pasta is another item which you can



go for. Mixed with cheese and a variety of sauces, the pasta complements the other main course dishes.

And that finally brings us to the dessert.



Cheese cakes and brownies are found aplenty in Dhaka. All you need to do is step into Gulshan and you have many to choose from. The one here though is more unique when compared to the more commonly seen cakes.

It isn't the typical triangular sweet item you get anywhere else, but a circular, creamy dish that you feel like devouring at one go after taking the first bite. You can also go for the custard-bread combo that leaves a crunchy sweet taste in your mouth after; something that would be perfect after series of pizzas and pastas.

And so the evening at Uttara was actually well spent. Good food and good music; a few things in life can actually better that combination. And so while Veni, Vidi, Vici may not exactly be an extremely 'healthy' ride, it will conquer your stomach.

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CHECK IT OUT

Kay Kraft's winter wardrobe

LIKE in every winter, this time too Kay Kraft has brought forth their winter collection. Shawls, jackets, scarves, mufflers, fatuas, panjabis, tee shirts, tops, etc can all be found in Kay Kraft's shelves.

Innovation has been brought in the attires' designs.

'Khadi', cotton, etc are used as fabrics.

Kay Kraft, in Dhaka, has outlets in several locations.
Website: www.kaykraft.com. Facebook page: www.facebook.com/kaykraft.com.bd.

Laser Treat offers 10% discount

ON its ten-year anniversary, Laser Treat is providing a discount of 10% -- on all kinds of medical services, like skin laser, hair removal, body shaping, anti-aging, hair re-growth, etc. This offer will run throughout the month of January.

Location: 121/C Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan 2; Shimanto Square, Dhanmondi. Contact number: 01727001199.
Website: www.lasermedicalbd.com. Facebook page: facebook.com/lasermedicalcenter.

Winter Pitha Fest at Dhaka Regency

DHAKA Regency Hotel & Resort is going to initiate a three-day 'pitha' carnival, which will be held from 22 January to 24 January, from 6 PM to 10:30pm at its Grandiose Restaurant.

This fest at Dhaka Regency aims at shedding light on the tradition of pitha and 'payesh' that our nation so proudly nurtures. Pitha enthusiasts in the capital can enjoy live pitha station and over 50 varieties of pithas during the festival.



Dhan Shalik's winter attires

DHAN Shalik is a fashion brand that boasts a signature collection of attires in 'desi' designs, selling them at reasonable prices. It has an attractive collection of hoody tee shirts, tee shirts, panjabis, tops, shawls, etc. The brand also has a variety of ornaments.

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Contact number: 01819450881.

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