

Good pizza right at your doorstep

Pizza Factory

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Chilling at home and want some pizza delivered? I don't know about you, but I surely would.

Pizza Factory doesn't have its own restaurant, but they deliver pizza. You can check out their menu from their Facebook page and call to order. The pizzas come in two sizes – Regular (12 inches) and Large (16 inches). So the other day, we (at SHOUT) decided to try it out.

We called and ordered one large Pepperoni pizza, and one large Capricciosa Pizza. They were priced at Tk 1000 and Tk 1350 respectively. The pizzas were delivered well within the promised time despite the traffic and were still quite warm when we opened the boxes. So two thumbs up for service.

Now, about the pizzas. Visually, both pizzas score good points. They looked succulent, with a proper balance of colours depending on the ingredients, and overall looked appetising.

The pepperoni pizza contained a decent amount of spicy beef salami but fell a little short on the mozzarella. Though it was a tad sour for my taste, the classic taste of a pepperoni pizza was retained with sufficient chilli that suits the average Bangladeshi taste buds. Pizza Capricciosa, though, was a complete delight. We could taste the flavours of all its major ingredients like smoked beef, artichokes, white button mushrooms and black olives. The amount of mozzarella cheese on it complemented the flavours. Each pizza contains eight slices, and can easily satiate the hunger of a party of four.

On the downside, we unanimously agreed that the pizzas didn't contain much of the homemade tomato sauce that the menu promises. The base of the pizza had too much flour that gave an unwanted dusty after-effect on the hands and the tongue. Similarly, there was excessive oil on the pizza to our dismay.

Pizza Factory offers a range of pizzas other than the ones specified, including



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Tandoori Pizza, Pizza Tuna, Quattro Formaggi, Meatball Pizza and Pizza Aria. All the pizzas are reasonably priced if you consider the size of the pizzas; the regular sized ones range from Tk 600 to 800, and the large ones fall between Tk 900 and 1350. However, they also have a range of panini sandwiches, consisting of tuna, aubergine, chicken and pepperoni, and all cost Tk 500. They will even bring you cold drinks if you order.

If you cannot choose which pizza or panini you'd like to have, you can ask them for suggestions while placing the order. They'll let you know which ones are the most popular. Pizza Factory delivers all around Dhaka during the off-peak hours. During the peak hours, they deliver

to Dhanmondi and adjacent areas. Delivery is free for those living in Lalmatia, Dhanmondi and Mohammadpur, but not for other zones.

Pizza Factory, although not a real factory, is what you need when you're craving pizza but are just too lazy to get out of the house. Be it taste or service, Pizza Factory's home delivery is not a disappointment.

To order, call 01755660170 between 11AM and 11PM or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pizzafactorybd

Food: 7.5/10

Service: 9/10

Modern medicine had to start somewhere

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With everyone in your Facebook friends list spamming your news feed with "Game of Thrones" and "Daredevil", it's hard to remember that they aren't the only shows out there worth watching. Television right now is in a golden age and quality shows are popping up every month. The only downside to this is that sometimes the sheer amount of content makes you overlook the best ones. "The Knick" is a prime example of this.

Over the course of 10 episodes, the first season of "The Knick" follows Dr. John W. Thackery, a brilliant turn-of-the-century surgeon working at New York City's Knickerbocker Hospital in the early 1900s. He is brash, unpredictable and somehow always comes up with the right solution to the problem. Basically he's the embodiment of every clichéd main character ever... for the first 30 minutes. Then you see him injecting cocaine up his legs before every surgery. Clive Owen ("Children of Men") perfectly plays the tragic role of a pioneer striving for breakthroughs in the field of medicine who can't operate unless he's high on cocaine all the time.

Another great performance is by relatively unknown actor André Holland in his role of Dr. Algernon Edwards,



the talented new African-American surgeon in the Knickerbocker. Since this is the 1900s and since this hospital is run by white people for white people, things don't exactly go well for him. But instead of using the extremely overdone 'meek black person overcomes adversity' trope, "The Knick" goes in a different direction. Stuck in a society where he feels he doesn't belong, where his peers don't respect him and his patients won't let him touch them, Dr. Edwards slowly spirals into a state of self-loathing, a descent that ties well with that of his

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colleague, Dr. Thackery. The individual performances are brilliant, but what clearly sets "The Knick" apart is the direction and production design. All 10 episodes were directed by the same person (a rare thing), and that too by Academy Award winning director Steven Soderbergh, (or as everybody knows him, the guy who directed Ocean's Eleven). And it shows. The cinematography in every episode is beautiful, with the warm aura of natural lighting clashing with the blinding fluorescent light of the operation theatre, which actually looks like a theatre with the jumpy, dilated-eyed Thackery as the main performer. The soundtrack choice is also inspired, with the showrunners scrapping the dull orchestral music commonly associated with period pieces and instead opting for electronic music. A bold move which paid off really well.

The main theme of "The Knick" is about talented people going down a path of self-destruction because of things that are in and beyond their control. Needless to say, this show gets very, very bleak. So if you can stomach that, you are in for a truly fantastic experience. Highly recommended.