

Magic at Ishanya

The amphitheatre is in a mood to entertain Puneites with laser shows
- Gauri Warudi

It was a sneak preview, said the invite. To watch the first of its kind laser show, organized by the Ishanya amphitheatre, Pune's own jewel-come-lately. The Ishanya amphitheatre – a 500 plus seater marvel, located within the premises of Ishanya design centre and speciality mall, off airport road, is one of the only true amphitheatre in Western India. The amphitheatre is set amidst a water body – the kund and is ringed by a blade wall with a beautiful waterfall. The stage is wooden and circular, providing a perfect viewing angle for every seat in the amphitheatre.

The laser show, called 'Fantasia Magic' was a family affair for the employees of Deepak Fertilizers. With the evening starting with the DFPCL anthem, a few speeches followed after briefing us about the progress made by Ishanya in a short period of over two months, and exalting its beauty, Shailesh Mehta, head honcho of DFPCL, warmed up to his DFPCL family with his from-the-heart statement, "Ishanya is great, but for me, my ammonia plant, my nitric acid plant and my taloja are still very beautiful." This earned him a huge round of applause from his employees and they were all in the mood, soon settling down to watch the attraction of the evening, a laser, sound and water works show.

'Fantasia Magic' is a blend of laser, water, animation and more, telling the story of life with the theme, good versus evil. It is based on the marvelous possibilities of technology using to create a wondrous new world. Written and produced by Tara W Smith of London and LSE of Belgium, this is supposedly, the story of an evil wizard Zarkon who has infiltrated the world's computer systems and is stealing children's imagination as they play at their computers. If he is not stopped the world is doomed. Young hero Mickey along with Fozzo, a creature from the internet get together to overpower this wizard. Although the show was a delight to watch, the story line or plot was rather weak and lacked excitement. On that count it disappointed, especially since such shows in places like Sentosa Islands have been truly fascinating. Nevertheless, it did succeed in transporting the audience into a fantasy of under water ethereal and dot.com world.

'Fantasia Magic' will be open to the public from May 3. It will be inaugurated by Tare Zameen Par star, Darsheel Safary.