



# The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa

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On behalf of the executive and members of The Trinidad & Tobago Association of Ottawa (TTO) and the Trinidad & Tobago High Commission (TTHC), I would like to welcome you to the Trinidad and Tobago Night at the Races.

Our association regularly sponsors cultural and social programs and projects intended to benefit the Trinidad and Tobago diaspora as well as the wider community in the National Capital Region. This year 2017, heralds a dual celebration for Canada and Trinidad and Tobago. Canada will mark the 150th year since confederation, while Trinidad & Tobago will celebrate 55 years of independence. Canada's 150th anniversary has led to some very innovative ways of recognizing this auspicious occasion. One such venture is "**Ottawa Welcomes the World**", a year-long multi-cultural showcase. Led by Mayor Jim Watson, the City of Ottawa has extended an invitation to all the embassies and High Commissions to showcase their culture through a series of world-class events at Lansdowne Park.

The TTAO has been invited to collaborate with the TTHC on this venture and the event will be celebrated as **TRINBAGO DAY 2017** on August 20, 2017 at the Horticultural Building, Lansdowne Park from 10:00 am – 9:00 p.m. The TTAO and the TTHC are determined to host a TRINBAGO DAY 2017 that will be unique and memorable, thus leaving a lasting impression on the minds of those in attendance. To this end, the TTAO has included on its calendar a number of events aimed at raising funds to offset the cost of staging TRINBAGO DAY 2017. Today's event is one of our major fundraisers. Additionally, part proceeds from this evening's event will be directed to the C.L.R. James Scholarship Fund, which will provide a minimum of two scholarships to children of nationals here in Ottawa and/or students in Trinidad & Tobago.

Since the early 1800's, horseracing has existed in the twin island republic and is a very important part of the lives of many citizens. Today, you have an opportunity to enjoy some horse racing at its best in the beautiful ambiance of the newly refurbished Rideau Carleton Entertainment Centre's restaurant. Apart from the delicious Trinbago cuisine, some additional entertainment has also been included for your enjoyment.

The TTAO would like to thank the members of the social committee and the management and staff of the Rideau Carleton Entertainment Centre, especially Chantal and Jean-Claude, for doing a magnificent job in assisting us to host this event. We are also very appreciative of the support from our advertisement sponsors, who are proudly mentioned in tonight's Race Program. To you our guests, we thank you for your unwavering support to our association. We look forward to the pleasure of your company at TrinbaGo Day 2017, a free event which will be held at Horticultural Building, Lansdowne Park on August 20th. Do have an enjoyable evening and good luck at the races and slot machines.

Adrian Benjamin  
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