

## **Music, Club Scene & Performance**

Ottawa has a thriving Club scene (<http://ottawa.beforelastcall.com/nightclubs/>) with over 24 clubs, largely clustered in the By Ward Market area and on Elgin Street. If your musical tastes run to club or trance, rap, Celtic or Karaoke, you will find it in town.

**The National Arts Centre** offers a range of programming in music, dance, English and French theatre, and is home to the National Arts Centre Orchestra, led by Pinchas Zukerman.

**The Ottawa Little Theatre**, located on the edge of the Ottawa U campus, stages performances throughout the year, drawing upon the city's deep acting talents.

OLT is a charitable not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization and is financially dependent upon subscribers and their donations for its operation and maintenance. Professional in style, traditional in tone, Ottawa Little Theatre has been a vital part of the Ottawa Arts Community for 97 years, making it the longest running community theatre in Canada and strives to provide a variety of popular plays suited to differing tastes.

## **Shopping**

**Rideau Centre**, at 50 Rideau Street, is the centre of downtown shopping, with over 180 stores and extended hours throughout the week. Anchored by Sears Canada and the venerable Hudson's Bay Company, you will find food, fashion and fun inside. It also recently added an Apple retail storefront to its inventory.

**The Sparks Street Mall** remains a pleasant novelty for tourists and local alike, as a pedestrian mall that excludes all traffic from the streetscape. It is busiest as a "people watching" place in office hours and annually hosts a Chicken-Rib Cook off in June and a Busker Festival in late July.

## **Gaming**

**The Casino du Lac-Leamy** is operated by the Province of Québec, minutes from Parliament Hill.

It offers Poker, Blackjack, Keno, Baccarat, Craps, and the ubiquitous slots. It is a sumptuous setting that welcomes all players including High Rollers. Dress code requirements apply. The Banco restaurant is buffet style, and the Baccarat is the full service dining facility. In addition, the dinner theatre mounts original and traveling productions. The Hilton Lac-Leamy adjoins the site.

**The Rideau Carleton Raceway**, located near the Ottawa Airport at 4837 Albion Road, may be more to your taste if you like the ponies as much as the slots.

It offers harness racing on a 5/8 mile track Thursday, Friday, and Sunday evenings. Over 1250 slot games to play ranging from 1 cent to \$5. With buffet dining on site as well, the site is operated under license from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Authority, with the Government's take supporting the Ontario Trillium Foundation to local and provincial charities, support for amateur athletes through the Quest for Gold program, hospitals, health related programs and other provincial priorities.