



Paul Taylor - Best Expat Achievement - Photo by Flou



Michael Pereira - Best Expat Business



Jennifer Chamberlin - Best Business Support
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Voted Best Business Support My Bilingual VA (www.mybilingualva.com) was started by former Executive Assistant, **Jennifer Chamberlin**, after 15 years working in corporate environments in and around Paris. In both French and English, My Bilingual VA supports you with tasks ranging from general administration, event management, communication and human resources. With My Bilingual VA, you can be sure of efficient and reliable support, leaving you to

concentrate on other aspects of your business. Other notable mentions in the category include **PleaseHelp** (www.pleasehelp.fr) and **Allison Lounes' Paris Unravelled** (www.parisunraveled.com).

American author and talent development specialist living in Paris, **Joshua Smith** was voted Best Career Coach in Paris 2017. He helps executives, managers, start-ups and university students to be more effective in communicating, negotiating, presenting, and accelerating their career movement. Since 2007, he has trained over 2,500 professionals at universities including Reims Management School, INSEEC, and ISCOM, and at major companies such as Air France, Ogilvy & Mather, Société Générale and BNP Paribas. As well as coaching, Joshua has compiled his research into easy to read, affordable books, which can be accessed online - (www.humanbehavior.solutions). Leadership and career coach **Claudia Garcia** (www.dareto.fr) finished in second place.



Joshua Smith - Best Career Coach
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The Best Business Owned By An Expat category was awarded to **Michael Pereira** for **Broadway in Paris** (www.broadwayinparis.com). After spending 22 years in New York City working and teaching as a professional performer, Michael Pereira decided to follow his instincts and try living in Paris. Shortly after moving here, he created Broadway In Paris with the aim of bringing the American style of performing arts training to Paris and beyond. Offering weekly classes

in Broadway Jazz, Tap and Private Voice Lessons. Michael also offers monthly workshops in American Musical Theatre, Ballet and Song Interpretation. Notable Mentions for the Best Expat Business category include Mexican Bistro **Candelaria**, Lauren Creecy's Day Fragrance Spa **Free Persephone** (www.freepersephone.com) and Lisa Rankin's gastronomic food tour **Flavors of Paris** (www.flavorsofparis.com)

Trying to find the best achievement is no easy feat. As expats we pursue our goals outside of our comfort zone and safety net and there are countless expats successfully achieving what they've set out to do. However, the **Best Expat Achievement of 2017** is awarded to Paul Taylor (www.paultaylorcomedy.com). The British comedian has grown into a household name over the past year which stems from his viral video 'La Bise!!' Paul Taylor's perspective of French culture and the social circumstances of 'The Kiss' certainly rang true for many Anglo-Saxons. Following the success of his video, this bilingual expat of 8 years was contacted by Canal+ for a TV mini-series

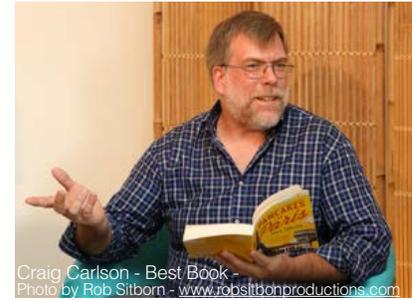


John Florencio - Best Musician
Photo by Sophie Chauvin

entitled 'What the Fu*k France'. Online, his YouTube videos attract millions of views as he dissects every aspect of French life. The former Apple employee's show #Franglais explores topics expats ponder such as, 'Why are there 15 days in two weeks?' and 'How many kisses should you give when greeting someone?'

John Florencio (www.facebook.com/officialjohnflorencio) voted **Best Musician in Paris** was born in Manila. He received his musical education at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music where he launched his career as a soloist, vocal accompanist, musical director and educator. Currently working on a new musical in French about the life of Gustav Eiffel called 'La

Tour de 300 metres' with Marc Deren, John will perform in Neuss Dusseldorf on November 18th Swissotel and November 24th in Cologne Maritim Hotel Ballroom. Notable mentions include, **Marvin Parks** (www.facebook.com/jazzdumetro), and **Hannah Judson** (www.hannahjudson.com).



Craig Carlson - Best Book
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Craig Carlson claimed **Best Book of 2017** with his memoir **Pancakes in Paris** (www.pancakesinparis.com), which details the adventures of opening his diners «Breakfast in America» in Paris. **Lisa Anselmo's My Part-Time Paris Life** (www.myparttimeparislife.com) and **Lilly Heise's Je T'aime, Me Neither** (www.jetaimemeneither.com) also proved to be popular reads.

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