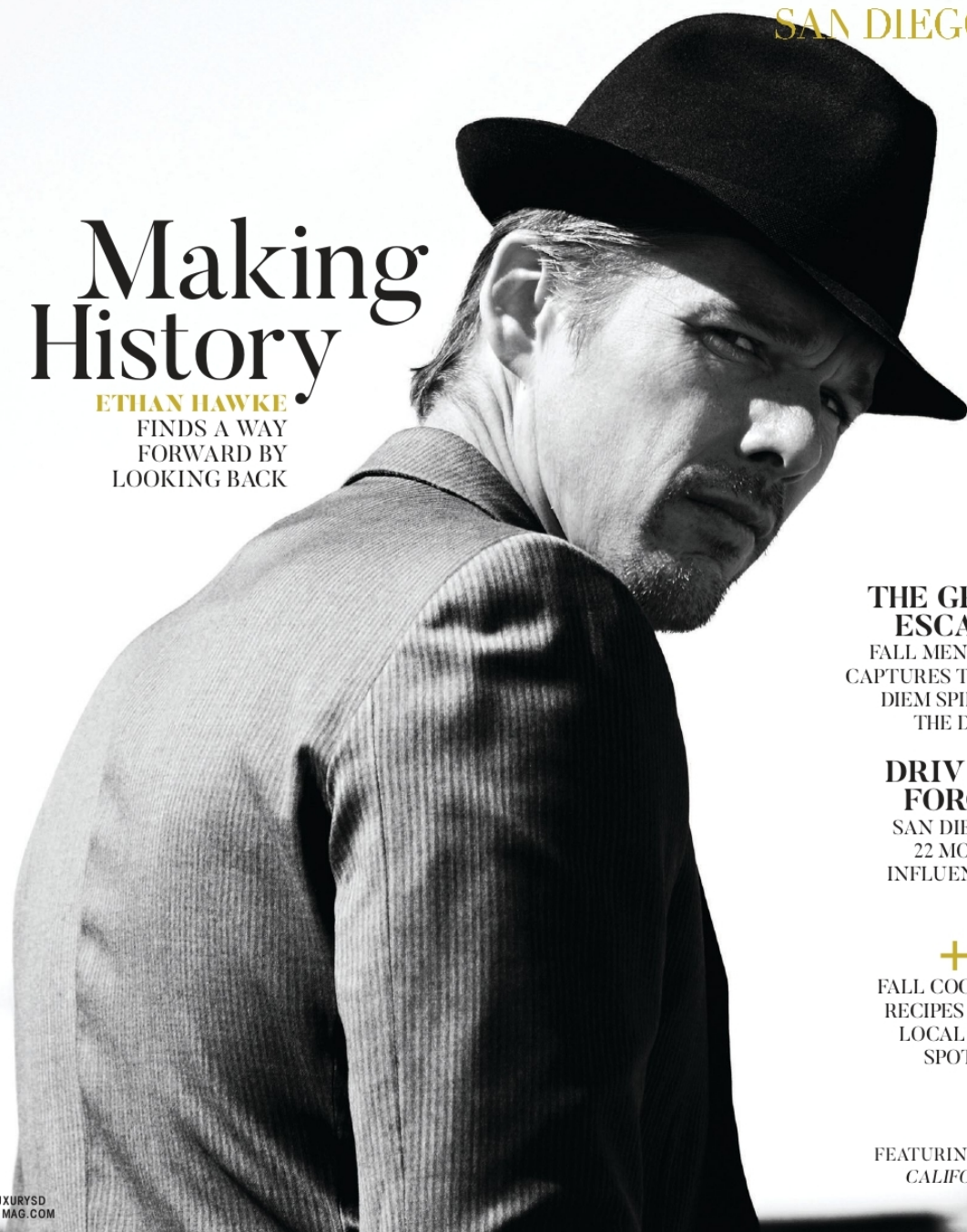


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This October we honor the local luminaries leading the charge in our community. From arts and education advocates to innovators finding solutions to current challenges, these formidable forces drive change, pushing San Diego forward for the greater good.

BY ALLISON MITCHELL

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GWEN BATES

From virtual runway shows to supporting minority fashion designers, Gwen Bates has stepped into her new role as director of Fashion Week San Diego (fashionweeksd.com) in soaring style. Here, the go-getter shares how she's helped pivot the biannual event in the midst of a pandemic. Listen in.

My mission is to create life-changing experiences for designers that foster long-term success in the fashion industry while connecting the community.

At FWSD, we are helping our community on several levels. We've opened our expert fashion series via Zoom to the community; initiated a mask drive that received over 600 masks and filled a need for essential workers at hospitals and our military community during a time when masks were sold out and fabric stores were closed; and launched FWSD's Diversity Fund Program to be more inclusive and give an opportunity to designers who are deemed socially disadvantaged.

My 2020 motto is keep going!



PAUL BASILE

If you've dined in the stunning surroundings at Born & Raised, Kindred, Morning Glory and Raised by Wolves, among others, you already know and love the work of Basile Studio (basilestudio.com). A full-service design, build and fabrication firm, the Basile name has become synonymous with breathtaking interior design. The mastermind behind it all is designer, fabricator, general contractor and artist Paul Basile, a La Jolla resident who has a brilliant eye for design. "We hope that we are inspiring those who visit our design projects, along with our peers, to continually elevate and innovate. Our design continues to evolve, and it's something that we can call our own; it's not one note," he says. "Teaching and training our craftsmen the classics coupled with modern approaches ensures this level of artistry will continue to be relevant in the future." Mission Valley's Puesto Cerveceria is the studio's latest masterpiece. "We were forced to go back to the drawing board with some of the things we were already doing well," says Basile of 2020's silver linings. "We've refined our technique even further."



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