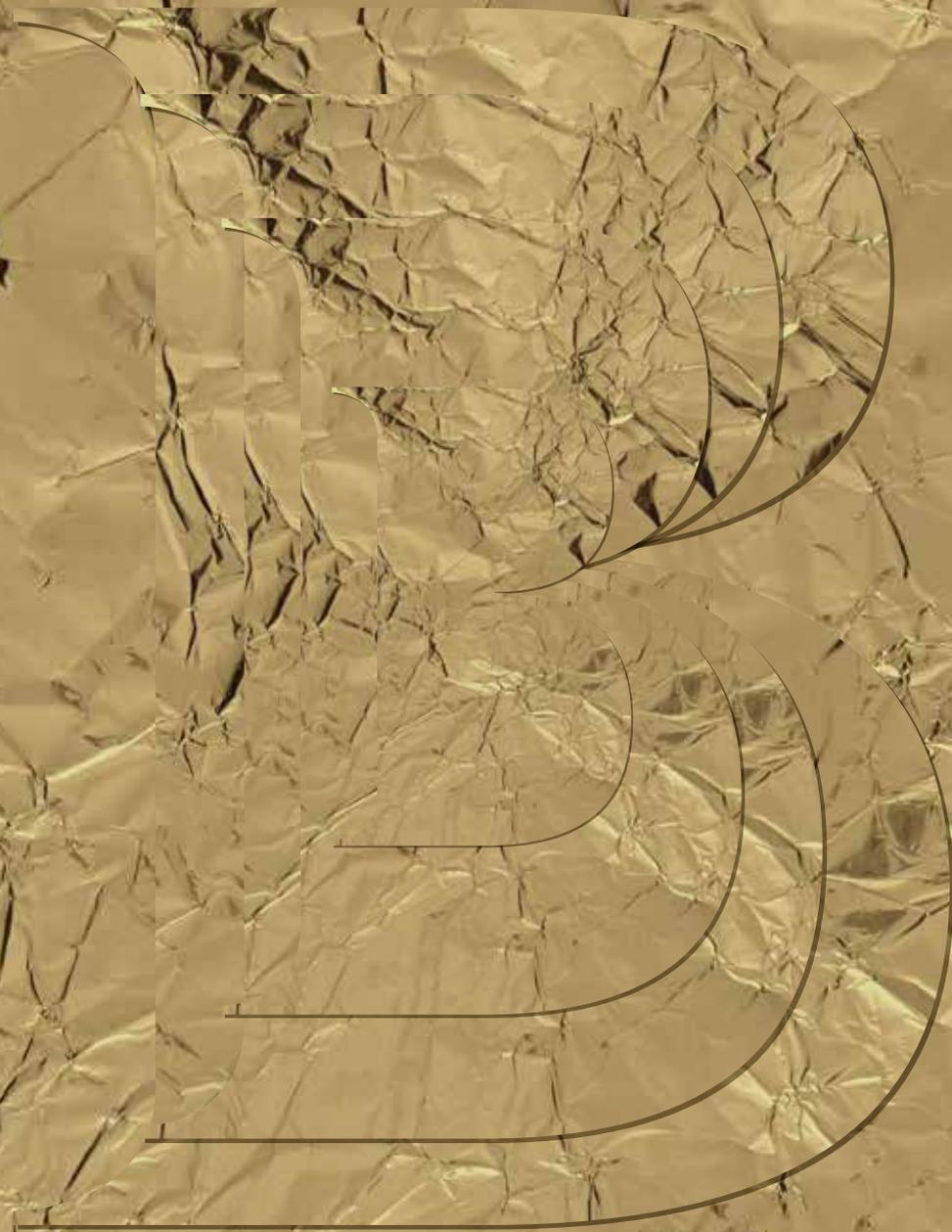


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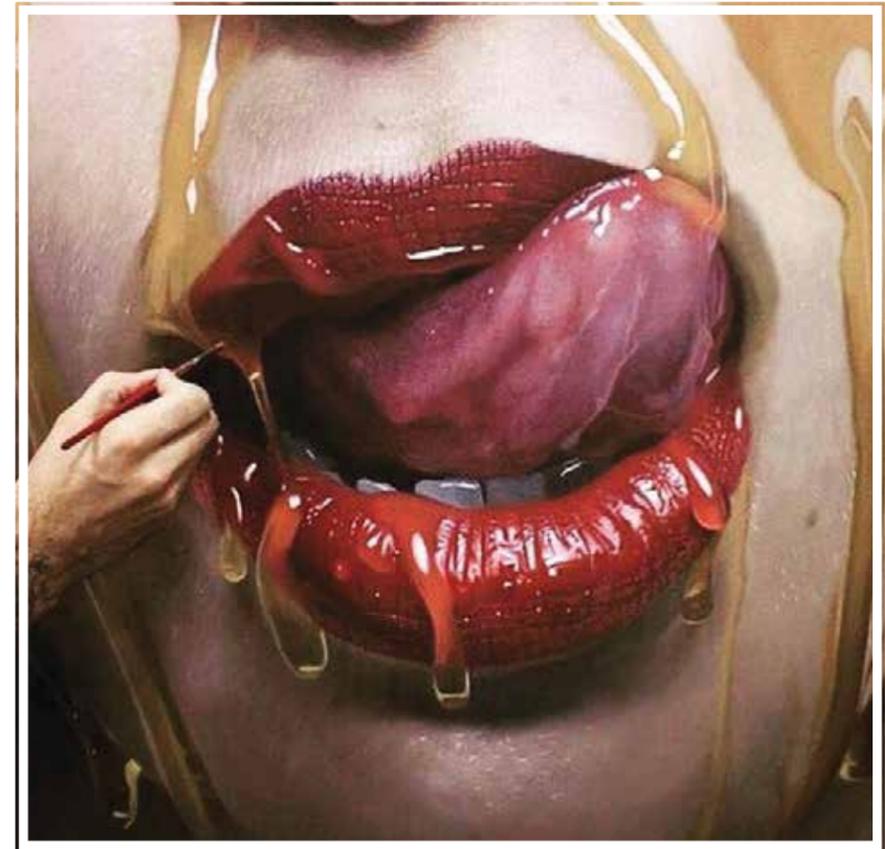
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MILLIONS *of*
FLAWLESS DROPS

in conversation with
MIKE DARGAS





What is the true beauty of a person for you?

For me, beauty is Honey... The elements of honey on the flawless skin is a special effect that does on me, almost like a healing effect, it makes me wonder and makes me happy. It has started with an experiment and evolved in a few years, giving me an exact understanding of what true beauty is. I love natural grace and honey is a nectar that extends its natural forms. When you cover the model with the honey - it does magical things, you can see her natural expressions - that are truly special. I try to catch the moment of the authentic expressions that I transfer into Art.

What is the essential item that you always travel with and why?

I never travel without my honey.

Does your original success as a tattoo artist influence your painting today?

It is a part of my life, that mastered my technique. I wanted to be the best and present the best quality but then I have realised, that it is all about the bespoke and personal experience, you have to transmit what people want. With the time, my desire to present what I really want got stronger and I decided to paint.

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*Art is the form of meditation.
When I am into it - I dissolve in another World.*

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Mike Dargas





You say that Dali and Caravaggio inspire you. What about the work appeals to you?

They were true artists, that devoted their lives to Art and shared an enormous passion for it. Everything that they have touched - was magically turned into Art. The technique of Dali was very realistic, that inspired me since my childhood. Every Artist has role models, their techniques fascinated me. I have never gone to the Art school and it was curiosity that taught me and inspired me.

What is your favourite colour?

Green! It is very interesting, I used to dislike green and after the years I started loving it. I also realised that I love Gold and strangely enough I can notice that I surround myself with loads of gold items all the time. In my paintings - I always use the golden colours of Honey - such special effects of lights and reflections. Such beauty!

What would be your dream destination on Earth to discover?

What is more interesting for me - is the whole Universe. This is something that fascinates me, I am interested in astronomy. We are made out of the Universe and sometimes my mind goes so much into it. Explanations about the Galaxies is an endless topic that inspires me.

If you could develop another talent and would be absolutely incredible at it, what would it be?

OMG, a guitar player, a singer, a drummer, an actor - to be so cool and be super successful! But I have realised, that it is not my forte.

What does bespoke mean to you?

I have so much respect for people, that create something unique. Imagine we wouldn't have this in our World? The humans are the creators of anything bespoke. My Art is bespoke. Every piece that I create is unique, I would like to show my own taste in beauty. That makes our Art World very beautiful.

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