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The image is a promotional graphic for a feature in the December 2014 issue of 'MODERN PAINTERS' by Blooin. It features a grid of 24 small portrait photographs of various artists. A large, bold, yellow number '24' is superimposed over the center of the grid. At the top, the word 'BLOUIN' is written in white, with 'ART / ARCHITECTURE / DESIGN / PERFORMANCE / FILM' in smaller white text below it. The title 'MODERN PAINTERS' is written in large white letters, with 'MODERN' in yellow. At the bottom, the phrase 'ARTISTS TO WATCH' is written in large white letters. The date 'DECEMBER 2014' is printed in small white text in the upper right corner.



ABOVE:
Installation view of
Sleep at Haus
Wittgenstein, Bulgarian
Cultural Institute,
Vienna, 2013.

MICHAIL MICHAILOV

Born in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria. Lives in Vienna.

Describe your process.

Working in different media, I use my "self" as a metaphor for existence, ego, and the pursuit of individual self-realization in a global society. I capture different cultural phenomena that influence human behavior, challenging society's search for perfection. In my work, I use camouflage techniques and practice in a self-deprecating way to criticize society, religion, and the art market.

What inspires you?

My artwork is very situation-specific. At the moment, I am inspired by the dust that has accumulated in my atelier, which I am trans-

forming into a series of drawings called "home-made." An inner and an outer cleaning is the focus, which simultaneously brings existence and value into question.

What's on your cultural radar for 2015?

I need to see my parents. I need to have good sex. I need to swim every day. And I would love to read the latest book by Haruki Murakami.

What do you have coming up?

A solo exhibition at Projektraum Viktor Bucher, in Vienna, and I will participate in "Destination Vienna," a group show opening in April at Kunsthalle Wien.

