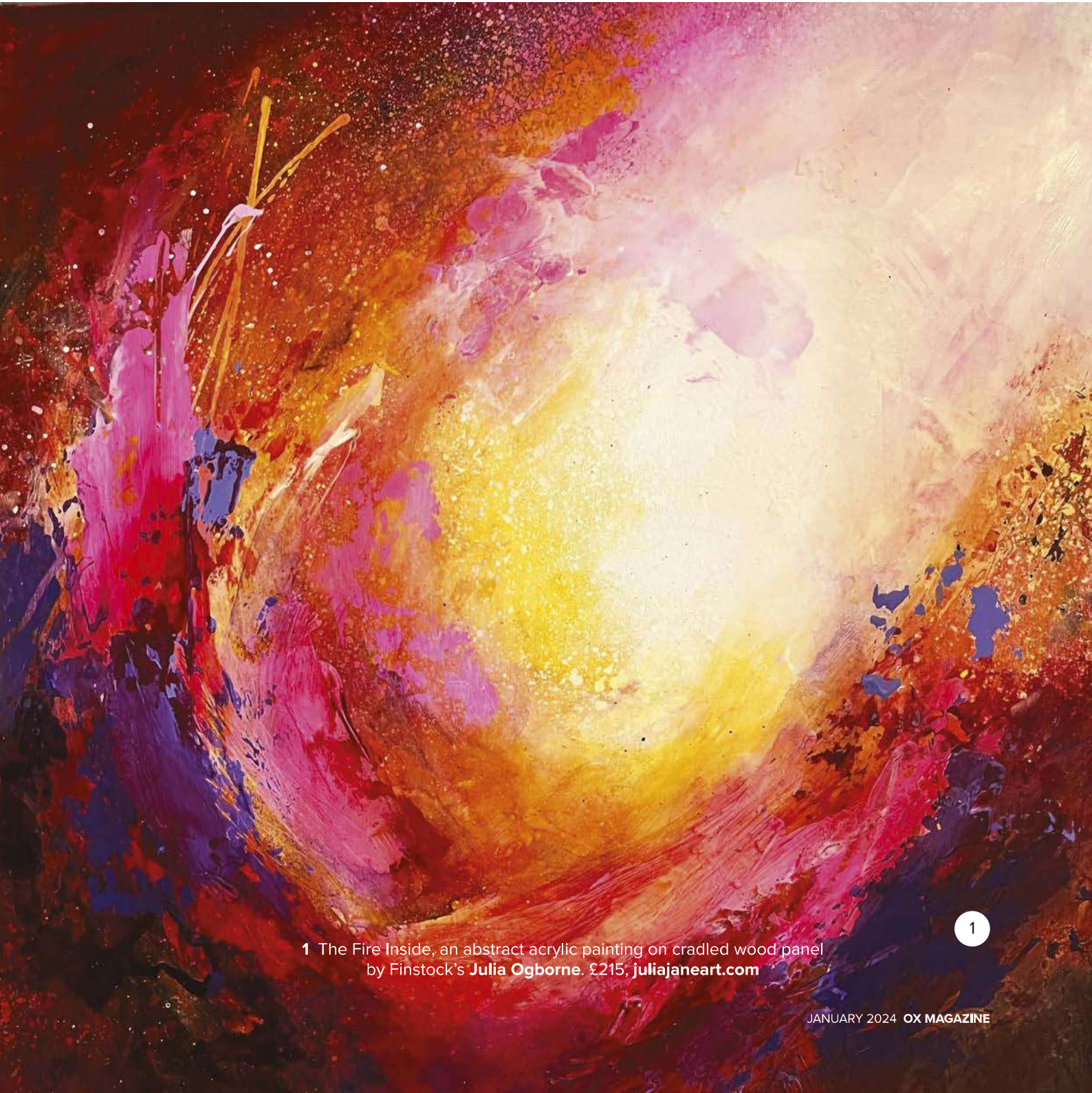


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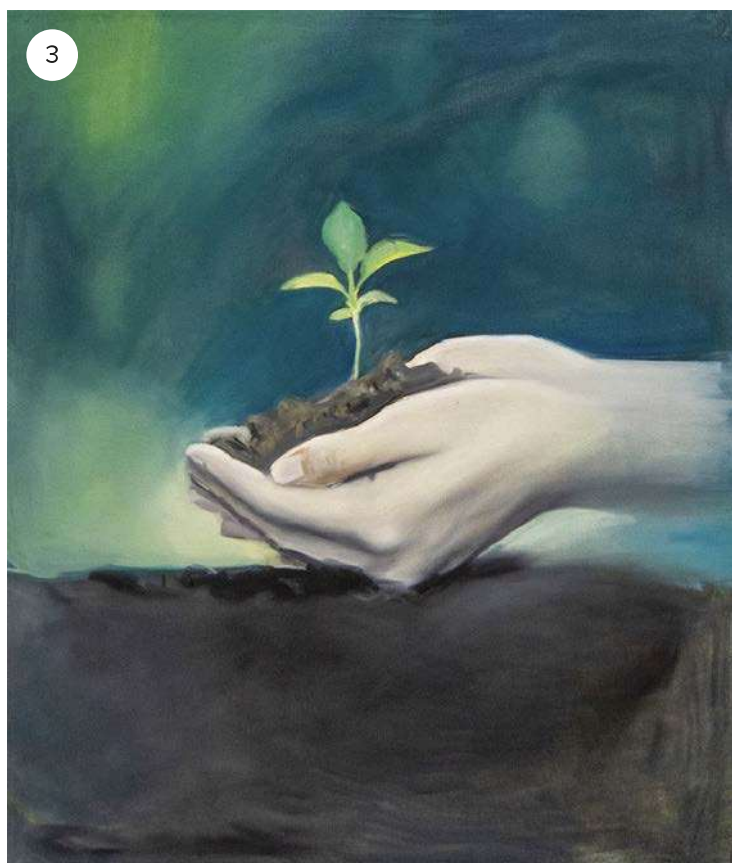
# Optimism

Inspired by the New Year, Oxfordshire Artweeks artists look forward to 2024 with bright spirits and optimism as they begin their preparations for the county's spring open studios and pop-up exhibition event. ▶



1 The Fire Inside, an abstract acrylic painting on cradled wood panel by Finstock's **Julia Ogborne**. £215, [juliajaneart.com](http://juliajaneart.com)

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2 Winter Landscape by Summertown's **Francesca Shakespeare** is an oil painting on paper on board. Framed, £550, [francescashakespeare.com](http://francescashakespeare.com)

3 The Gardener by **Micah Hayns**, is painted in oil on canvas. £950, [micahhayns.com](http://micahhayns.com)

4 This cyanotype on paper, Rays and Marjoram Flowers by Abingdon-based **Emma Williams** is mounted and framed. £125, [naturallarningoxford.co.uk](http://naturallarningoxford.co.uk)

5 Snowdrops in the Green by Turville Studios' **Marie Robinson** is painted in oil on gesso board. £275, [marie-robinson.com](http://marie-robinson.com)



6 Cotswold Snow by Dorchester-on-Thames' **Tracy Lester** – because we all love a snow scene – is painted in oils on a wood panel. £105 [tracylesterart.com](http://tracylesterart.com)

7 Song Thrush is a 4-plate linocut by Lower Radley's **Susan Wheeler**. Unframed, £170, framed £190, [susanwheelerprints.co.uk](http://susanwheelerprints.co.uk)

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- 8** Rising is a felted textile piece of wall art made with wool and silk fibre by Bishopstone's **Ushma Sargeant**. £995, [ushmasargeantart.com](http://ushmasargeantart.com)
- 9** A blank journal for a new start by **Sharon Highway** of Mallory Journals. Available with plain, lined or dotted paper, a ribbon page marker, pen holder and elastic closure. Prices start from £41 [thebritishcrafthouse.co.uk/shop/malloryjournals](http://thebritishcrafthouse.co.uk/shop/malloryjournals)
- 10** Faroes by **Paul Bullivant** is a photographic print in black and white, £100, [paulbullivant.co.uk](http://paulbullivant.co.uk)
- 11** Photographer **Theo Blossom**'s Cheetah 2' This species was nearly extinct at one point and although numbers are still low, conservation efforts offer hope. Prints available in aid of Cotswold charity, the Rafiki Thabo Foundation ([rafiki-foundation.org.uk](http://rafiki-foundation.org.uk)) for £120.
- 12** Wings of a Phoenix is a linocut – an edition of 30 – by **Lizzie Wheeler** of the Oxford Printmakers Co-operative. £80, [oxfordprintmakers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oxfordprintmakers@hotmail.co.uk)