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## *What Would John Do (A Self Portrait)*

36 x 36 inches  
mixed media collage  
NFS



## John Rankine

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### Bio

John Rankine is an award winning, multi-media artist and photographer who originally hails from Toronto, Canada. He has called Eureka Springs, Ar. home for the past 26 years where he has participated in numerous group and solo exhibitions in Toronto and NWA. He was co-owner and manager of the Eureka Fine Art Gallery and has curated monthly art exhibitions at Brews, a coffee/craft beer and gallery establishment for the past 8 years.

Rankine was a 2011 recipient of the Arkansas Arts Council's Individual Fellowship for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts for his multi-media photo installation, "A Community at Peace" and was a recipient of an Artist 360 grant awarded to Arkansas artists through the Mid-America Arts Alliance and the Walton Family Foundation for his portrait series, "Men With Earrings" in 2018. John lives with his husband in a straw bale house on 10 acres of land with their two dogs and chickens, just outside Eureka Springs.

### Artist Statement

"What Would John Do?" is my tongue and cheek mixed media collage that takes cut out words from a vintage children's book, "The Story Of Jesus" and rearranges those words to make my own story of self-love and empowerment. So often the "church" has used the Bible and its pulpit to target and condemn members of the LGBTQ+ community. "After all, are we not all children of God."