



My god Is A Homosexual 26" x 28" Mixed media collage Not for sale



Keeps Me Searching
12" x 12" x 4"
Mixed media, found object assemblage
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## John Rankine

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## Bio

John Rankine is a multi-media artist who has called Eureka Springs home for the past 28 years. He was the recipient of the 2011 Arkansas Arts Council's Individual Fellowship Award for outstanding achievement in the arts for his photography installation, A Community At Peace and received an Artist 360 individual artist grant for his photography portrait series, Men With Earrings. Rankine is co-owner of Brews in Eureka Springs, a coffee/craft beer/ art gallery where he curates rotating art exhibitions every six weeks.

## **Artist Statement**

I am a gay man, made up of the same flesh and blood as my straight, cis-gender brothers. Growing up. I was at times attacked for 'being different," by the church, the medical establishment, my own government, and society as a whole.

After years of guilt and shame for simply being who I am and who I love, I discovered that the god who created me, was a god who accepted me for who I am – a god who did not judge, and who embraced and loved me unconditionally.

My god is a homosexual.

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A mixed media, found object assemblage inspired by Neil Young's song, "Keeps Me Searching"