

Mid-County Artist in Residence

Art as a Catalyst for Community and Belonging
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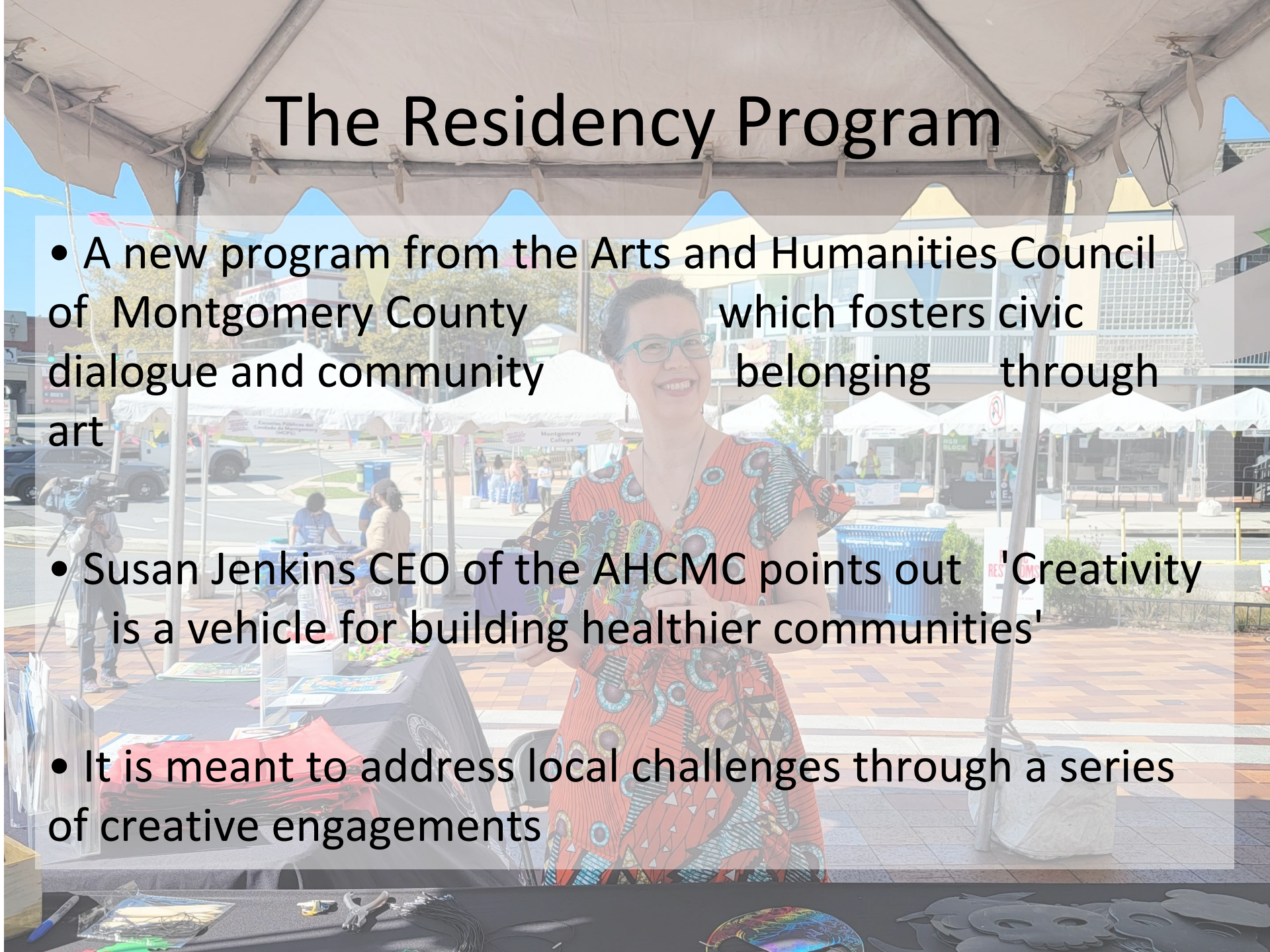
Introduction

A woman with glasses and a black t-shirt is painting a mural on a wall. She is standing on a ladder and smiling. The mural depicts a colorful building facade with windows and a blue sky. The background is a textured wall with various colors like blue, yellow, and red.

- Montgomery County based installation artist, muralist and community organizer
- President of the RAL, board member on the Public Art Commission in Rockville, Board member and co-director of past Artomatic events
- Advocate for cultural diversity and environmental awareness through the arts
- Teaching artist for seniors and in underserved communities in DMV and Baltimore

The Residency Program

- A new program from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County which fosters civic dialogue and community belonging through art
- Susan Jenkins CEO of the AHCMC points out 'Creativity is a vehicle for building healthier communities'
- It is meant to address local challenges through a series of creative engagements





Objectives

- to amplify diverse voices, develop community identity, build cohesion in the community
- Use art to address topics such as economic development, housing, resilience, and identity
- Promote inclusivity and cross-cultural dialogue
- strengthen relationships between the regional service centers and their communities

Mid County Focus Area – Wheaton

Working with underserved communities in Wheaton

Proposed focus: Wheaton Mall South Building, home to service organizations such as

- MidCounty United Ministries (MUM)
- Proyecto Salud
- MontgomeryWorks
- Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC)
- Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
- Gilchrist Center

Community Engagement



How you can support the project

- Help identify participants for the dialogue sessions
- Share contacts or organizations that can assist
- Suggest or offer available spaces for the sessions
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