

Rita Organ

AAAM Board President: 1998–2000

Rita Organ is a visionary museum arts administrator and cultural strategist whose career has shaped some of the nation's most significant African American institutions, including the Charles H. Wright Museum, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, and the Indiana Museum of African American History. She has built a legacy grounded in historical integrity, creative storytelling, and community-centered engagement.



A respected national leader, Organ served as board president of AAAM, where she championed institutional collaboration, professional development, and the advancement of Black museums across the country. Her tenure strengthened networks, elevated emerging voices, and reinforced the essential role of African American museums in preserving cultural memory and shaping public understanding.

As founder of RCO Museum Consulting, LLC, Organ brings deep expertise in exhibit development, interpretive planning, archival stewardship, and organizational strategy. Her work reflects a commitment to authenticity, inclusivity, and the power of narrative to connect people across generations and experiences.

Now based in Indianapolis, Organ is expanding her professional path to include roles in retail, customer service, and museum/exhibit operations. She thrives in environments that value communication, visitor experience, and thoughtful presentation—spaces where her leadership, adaptability, and artistic sensibilities create meaningful impact.

Across every role, Organ brings a rare blend of strategic vision, cultural insight, and hands-on creative expertise. Her work continues to honor African American heritage while inspiring new ways of engaging audiences and strengthening community connections.