

Anita Cocker Hunt is originally from Cleveland, Ohio. She earned her Bachelor of Music Education and Bachelor of Music in trumpet degrees from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. She later returned to the College-Conservatory of Music to earn her Master of Music degree in Instrumental Wind Conducting studying with Eugene Migliaro Corporon. She has held positions as high school band and orchestra director in the Cleveland area, as private trumpet instructor at the Cleveland Music School Settlement, and was a member of the Cleveland Women's Symphony Orchestra.

Anita returned to Cincinnati to serve as Divisional Music Director for the Salvation Army in Southwest Ohio and Northeast Kentucky before leaving in 1997 to go back to public education as the Pendleton County H.S. Band Director and then worked as a school representative for Buddy Roger's Music. Anita recently returned to the Salvation Army as Director of Brass Music for the Southwest Ohio and Northeast Kentucky Division.

Anita has been the Cincinnati Brass Band's primary conductor since its inception, and presently serves on the Board of Directors for the band. She is the former President of the North American Brass Band Association and still a current member of their board of directors, is a member of Women Band Directors International and the International Women's Brass Conference. Additionally, Anita is the associate conductor of the *Commonwealth Brass Band*, an Ensemble in Residence at Indiana University Southeast. This includes responsibility as adjunct faculty member of Indiana University Southeast. In 2013, Anita received the North American Brass Band Association's President's Award for her service and leadership in both spheres of brass band activity, NABBA and The Salvation Army.