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Jane Chu is the president and chief executive officer of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, a position she has held since November 2006. As president and CEO, Chu has played a crucial role in the creation of this new institution. She currently leads the strategy, programming, fundraising, and community initiatives for the Kauffman Center as it prepares for its opening on September 16, 2011.

Chu has worked in philanthropic and community leadership positions throughout the Greater Kansas City region for more than a decade. Prior to becoming CEO of the Kauffman Center, she served for two years as the fund executive for the Kauffman Fund for Kansas City, which provided grants to social service organizations. From 1997 to 2002, Chu was vice president of community investment at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, where she led the five-year Kansas City Community Arts Initiative to increase participation in the arts across metropolitan Kansas City. From 2002 to 2004, she was also vice president of external relations at Union Station Kansas City, a former train station which has been fully restored into a prominent destination for culture and entertainment.

She holds bachelors and masters degrees in piano performance, music education, and piano pedagogy from Ouachita Baptist University and Southern Methodist University, respectively. Additionally, Jane holds a master of business administration from Rockhurst University, is a PhD candidate in philanthropic studies at Indiana University, and holds an Honorary Doctorate (*Honoris causa*) in music from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance.