



Dr. Jay Silver is the Founder and CEO of JoyLabz/Makey Makey. He has invented many creative platforms such as Drawdio (*Time's* Top 15 Toys for Young Geniuses) and Makey Makey ("Kickstarted" for \$500,000, Pop Sci Best of ToyFair).

As the first ever Maker Research Scientist at Intel, CNN has called Jay "...a leading proponent of the Maker Movement"-an innovative rebirth of DIY (do it yourself) and DIWO (do it with others). With an emphasis on the whimsical, entrepreneurial and educational, the Maker Movement is considered one of the most powerful new innovative entrepreneurial forces in the world today. The most visceral instantiation of the Maker Movement are the dozens of Maker Faires held around the world.

Jay has been inducted into the permanent collection of MoMA, exhibited artwork internationally at many museums-including Arts Electronica and NT MOFA-and been named a "Top 100 Inspirational World Changer" by DELL.

Jay helped develop Scratch, an online programming language used by millions. His inventions have been licensed and productized by the world's largest electronics and toy companies. Jay's company bootstrapped \$2 million in revenue in the first year and continues it's rapid growth to date.

As a featured keynote speaker on innovation, creativity and technology, Jay has received rave reviews for his entertaining and inspiring presentations from audiences at TED, PopTech, University of California, Berkeley, Stanford University, IDEO, Microsoft, Google and many other global events. He has worked for companies and organizations ranging in diversity from Lincoln Labs (national defense research laboratory), to BellSouth, and UC San Diego.

Jay studied electrical engineering at Georgia Tech where he was...

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Speech Topics

- Technology
- Innovation
- Entrepreneur
- Entertainment
- Creativity & Innovation
- Creativity



Testimonials

"As an inventor, rather than providing a roadmap to wonderment, he'd just as soon point out the North Star, hand us the keys to a rocket and send us on to find our own dazzling way. As a speaker, he has much the same effect on audiences. At times funny and charming, at others, creatively challenging, he was engaging, thoughtful and left us all intrigued by how WE might show up as makers in a world meant to be DIY for every human. And be prepared to be delighted too. (We certainly were!) I dare you not to be."

- TEDx.

"Jay was one of the biggest surprises we had at PopTech. Easily a crowd favorite, Jay is an engaging and lively speaker, spreading the gospel of DIY art-tech with an infectious blend of humor and intelligence."

- PopTech.