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Harry Jho is the CEO and 2002 Co-Founder of Sockeye Media LLC, which produces Mother Goose Club. Mother Goose Club was originally created in the mid-2000s to run as interstitials on local PBS stations. In 2008, he uploaded Mother Goose Club to YouTube in order to share the program with potential partners by email instead of by mailing them DVDs. Mother Goose Club’s family of channels has since been watched more than 13 billion times and has amassed over 11 million subscribers. He is also a three-time Emmy award-winner and has spoken at digital media conferences across the globe, often as a guest of YouTube.

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