

## **Short press release: Jez Lowe and the Bad Pennies**

Jez Lowe's band, The Bad Pennies, have been one of the high points of the international folk scene for over a decade, frequently touring to the USA, Canada, Australia and beyond! This time they are touring Jez Lowe's new studio album 'Jack Common's Anthem' as well as a prestigious back catalogue of classics.

Jez Lowe was recently described as 'one of our best songwriters' by BBC Radio 2 and his songwriting work for the BBC 'Radio Ballads' series was honoured by a SONY Radio Academy Award. In December 2007 he was nominated for the BBC Radio Folk Awards as 'Folksinger of the Year'.

His lively, toe-tapping melodies and bittersweet lyrics are complimented by the excellent band line-up of Kate Bramley (fiddle/ duet vocals), Tyneside champion Northumbrian piper Andy May (pipes, whistles, piano) and fretless bass supremo David de la Haye (bass/ vocals).

### *Recent album reviews:*

"One of the folkscene's great unsung heroes... His best album for some time." **MIKE HARDING, BBC RADIO 2**

"A profoundly impressive new album. Lowe has earned the right to be counted among England's finest contemporary songwriters." **DAILY TELEGRAPH, UK**

"An affirmation, and a development! Quintessential Jez!" **FROOTS, UK**

"Another impressive collection from this very talented songwriter." **FOLKING.COM**

"You can't go wrong with this lovely album." **PENGUIN EGGS, CANADA**

### *Live reviews:*

"One of the hottest acts around" **DAILY TELEGRAPH**

"Definitely a highlight of the year" **NET RHYTHM**

'Some of the greatest contemporary English folk songs since early Richard Thompson are coming from the pen of Jez Lowe' **BOSTON GLOBE**

'An excellent matching of old and new' **Q MAGAZINE**

'the best songwriter to come out of England in a long time' **RICHARD THOMPSON**

'the work of a songwriter at the top of his game' **IRISH WORLD**

'first rate musicians combine to produce the special moments that are difficult to define but easy to experience' **THE LIVING TRADITION**

'musical variety, passion, intelligence, keen observation and instantly memorable tunes' **F-ROOTS**