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Tantobie Records was established in 1999 to issue the recordings of singer songwriter Jez Lowe around the world. Initially based in Azusa in Southern California and managed by Jez's longtime business partner Andy Smyser, the label was a success from the start with the September 2000 release of the double CD set LIVE AT THE DAVY LAMP. The label has maintained a policy of an album per year since that time, including two brand new releases (HONESTY BOX and DOOLALLY) and two reissues (1986's TWO A ROUE and 1998's THE PARISH NOTICES - THE ART EDITION). A soundtrack album, FIGHTING THE TIDE was released in 2002 and another re-issue, 1996's TENTERHOOKS will be released (also subtitled THE ART EDITION) in summer 2005, following Tantobie's acquisition of the rights to Jez's recordings originally released on the American label Green Linnet.

In 2004, following Andy Smyser's departure from the company, Tantobie relocated to a base in England, and 2004's release DOOLALLY was the first release under this new regime. A branch remains in the USA, under the direction of Tim Readman of Big City Promotions, a Vancouver-based production company, which oversees Jez's US and Canadian tours. The website at www.jezlowe.com is the umbrella internet presence for all aspects of Jez Lowe's business affairs, including his publishing company LOWE LIFE MUSIC, his touring company BAD PENNY TOURING, his newsletter THE MIDNIGHT MAIL and of course TANTOBIE RECORDS.

Tantobie Records have worldwide distribution through Proper Music Distribution of London England, with local distributors around the world including Burnside and Sidestreet in the USA, and availability through Feathers and Wedge and Folk Trax in Australia. Digital downloads are available through CD Baby of Portland and Mix and Burn of Minneapolis USA.

Tantobie have also released a series of exclusive promotional 5-track CDs to coincide with Jez's hectic touring schedule around the world. So far three of these items have been issued to DJs and press, though none are available for sale to the general public. They consist of songs from Jez Lowe's vast repertoire of original songs, recorded live in concert. More will follow and media recipients will be notified in due course.

The name - Tantobie is a small village in County Durham in North East England, and was the birthplace of the celebrated 19th Century songwriter and poet Tommy Armstrong, hailed by Ewan Maccoll as "The father of modern protest", and celebrated by Jez Lowe in the song "Armstrong's Army" on the 2002 album HONESTY BOX. It was also the birthplace of Jez's own father, John Lowe

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