

## Pelham School Opens in Laurel

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*School to teach arts & sciences to children and adults.*

Laurel, MT--1 September 2014--After months of preparation, The Pelham School of Arts & Sciences is now open at 201 E. Main Street in Laurel. Run by husband and wife team, Jack and Kay Pelham, the school offers various classes, private lessons, and musical ensembles for students from 7 to 120 years of age. Among the initial offerings are the Yellowstone Boy Choir (ages 9-19), Private Piano Lessons (7-adult), Public Speaking (8-18), Reading Chorus (adults), and Singing Classes (separate adult and teen classes).

To introduce themselves to the community, the school will hold a Grand Opening Celebration event at 9:00 a.m. on both Saturday, September 6, and Saturday September 13. This will include a 30-minute presentation about the courses currently offered and ideas for the future. Further, Jack Pelham will offer a free 90-minute Singing Workshop at 10:00 a.m. on the same dates for participants 13 to 120 years of age. Because space is limited, those who wish to attend are urged to RSVP via the school website.

“We are thrilled to bring this dream into reality,” says Jack Pelham. “It’s one thing to have a way to help people learn things they’d like to learn, but it’s quite a blessing to be able to do that as a career!” For his “day job”, Jack works Monday through Thursday as a Paintless Dent Repair technician, repairing hail damage on vehicles throughout Montana. He has carved out Fridays and Saturdays from his work schedule so that he can begin to build business at The Pelham School. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from The Florida State University, Jack will conduct the Yellowstone Boy Choir and teach Public Speaking and the Singing Classes at the school.

Kay Pelham is the school’s private piano instructor. Kay has a Master’s degree in Piano Pedagogy from East Carolina University. She has taught piano for many years and is now a full-time homeschool teacher and an accomplished student of Charlotte Mason’s educational philosophy.

The couple agree that mastery of the basics is much to be preferred to a flurry of activity. “When we go to see a children’s play,” says Jack “we can only understand about half the lines. We’d like to step in and help to fix things like that. Sure, it’s fun to have lots of performances, but shouldn’t we also stop once in a while to make sure that the basics are being mastered by the students? We believe that the average person can become a fine speaker—and singer, too. And just wait until you see what quality we expect to get from the Yellowstone Boy Choir!”

The Pelham School is on Facebook at [facebook.com/thepelhamschool](https://facebook.com/thepelhamschool) and its website is at [thepelhamschool.com](http://thepelhamschool.com). The school can be reached by telephone at 406-696-4857.