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Theatre in the round is the framework for the world premiere **Please Don't Ask About Becket** by Wendy Graf, which puts the audience in the center of this memory play. Emily (a powerhouse Rachel Seiferth) is still haunted by her twin brother Becket (Hunter Garner) who disappeared years ago. She compares him to a phantom limb that's been amputated. She takes us on the journey that led to his leaving.

Mr. Garner is excellent as the excuse-giving, good-looking loser son. Rob Nagle plays the studio executive father with heart-breaking reality. Grace, the mother (a wonderful Deborah Puette), struggles to understand her damaged son and preserve her perfect family. Director Kiff Scholl has staged the play with insight, heart and pace. This is absorbing theatre at its best.

Through Sun., Sept. 18. Sacred Fools Theater, Black Box, 6322 Santa Monica Blvd., 323-960-7745, plays411.com/becket.

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