



**WHAT DOES NOT KILL HIM MAKES HIM STRONGER**

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Armand Assante says about his role as **the famous philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche**:

"It was probably the most complex role I've ever tackled. I had to at least try to fill the shoes of Nietzsche,"

Assante says of the recently wrapped **"When Nietzsche Wept,"** based on the book by Irvin Yalom.

"There are tremendous passages that are actually verbatim Nietzsche.

That part of it I found extremely difficult.

I worked very closely with a German actor because I wanted to understand the German context of the language."

### ***And what can we expect from the movie ?***

Armand Assante explains, "I think it is a study of a man who made a choice at a particular crossroads in his life to be a pure artist.

To me, Nietzsche is the Van Gogh of philosophy.

He is the real romantic artist that split from society in a very painful way,"

"We live in an incredibly affluent time in our society where many people can choose to be artists and succeed.

If you look at artists at the turn of the 19th century, they paid dearly for their choices.

The one thing I tried to bring to it was an edge of someone who had such passionate convictions about what he did that one could consider him a little crazy."