## Michael Bay's "TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION" to Feature an Original Song by the Grammy Award-Winning Band IMAGINE DRAGONS

## The Band Contributed Creatively in the Scoring Process with the Film's Composer Steve Jablonsky

## Will Perform Live at the Film's World Premiere in Hong Kong on June 19th

HOLLYWOOD--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Director Michael Bay, film composer Steve Jablonsky and Paramount Pictures are collaborating with the Grammy Award-winning band IMAGINE DRAGONS to feature the band's original music in the upcoming film "TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION," one of the most anticipated movies of the summer.

Following an early footage screening of the film, IMAGINE DRAGONS wrote the original song "BATTLE CRY," which Bay used in critical points in the film. Additionally, the band contributed original music during the scoring process by recording cues with Jablonsky, the film's composer, and Hans Zimmer, who assisted in the process. The collaboration resulted in added depth to the sound of the film.

"We're incredibly lucky that Dan, Wayne, Ben and Daniel were available to work with us," says director Bay. "I remember being drawn to the emotion of 'Demons' and 'Radioactive' the first time I heard those songs, and I knew I wanted that same energy and heart for this movie. They've created a really epic, otherworldly sound for 'Battle Cry.'"

"The TRANSFORMER franchise has set the bar for cinematic innovation over the years," says Alex Da Kid, label head at KIDinaKORNER records. "We are excited to collaborate with Michael Bay and Paramount Pictures and view this as an incredible global platform."

IMAGINE DRAGONS will perform its new single live at the film's worldwide premiere in Hong Kong, one of the locations in the film, on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Fans can tweet using #TransformersPremiere for a chance to win a trip for two (2) to Hong Kong to be among the first to see "TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION" and IMAGINE DRAGONS at the world premiere. Open to U.S. residents ages 18+. Enter by May 30, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. PDT. No purchase necessary. For official rules and promotional details, visit <u>http://www.transformersmovie.com/TwitterSweeps/OfficialRules.pdf</u>.

Grammy Award-winning rock band IMAGINE DRAGONS is one of 2013's breakout artists, having played to sold-out audiences in North America, South America, Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Their debut full length album, <u>Night Visions</u>, (KIDinaKORNER/ Interscope Records) arrived on the *Billboard* Top 200 at #2 with the best first-week sales for a full-length debut by a new rock band in over six years.

Certified multi-platinum selling over 4 million copies worldwide, the album was propelled by the success of the multi-platinum single, "It's Time," with follow-up singles "Radioactive" selling over 10 million globally and "Demons," which has sold over 5 million copies worldwide. <u>Rolling Stone</u> proclaimed IMAGINE DRAGONS "the biggest breakout of the year" and <u>Entertainment Weekly</u> called 2013 the "Year of the Dragons."

IMAGINE DRAGONS are Dan Reynolds (vocals), Wayne Sermon (guitar), Ben McKee (bass), and Daniel Platzman (drums).

"TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION" is the fourth film in director Michael Bay's global blockbuster franchise. Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci, Li Bingbing, Kelsey Grammer, Sophia Myles, T. J. Miller, Nicola Peltz, Jack Reynor and Titus Welliver star. The film begins after an epic battle that left a great city torn, but with the world saved. As humanity picks up the pieces, a shadowy group reveals itself in an attempt to control the direction of history... while an ancient, powerful new menace sets Earth in its crosshairs. With help from a new cast of humans, *Optimus Prime* (voiced by Peter Cullen) and the *Autobots* rise to meet their most fearsome challenge yet. In an incredible adventure, they are swept up in a war of good and evil, ultimately leading to a climactic battle across the world.

Produced By Don Murphy & Tom DeSanto, Lorenzo Di Bonaventura and Ian Bryce. Based on Hasbro's Transformers<sup>™</sup> Action Figures. Written By hren Kruger. Directed By Michael Bay.

"TRANSFORMERS: AGE OF EXTINCTION" opens in theaters on June 27, 2014.

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