

Report: ‘Transformers 3’ Director Michael Bay Sets Up Chicago Office; Film is Now Casting Extras

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CHICAGO – “Transformers 3” director Michael Bay has set up shop in Chicago at [Chicago Studio City](#) [16] to audition local actors and actresses, according to a [new report on Tuesday](#) [17] from a site that regularly publishes casting information. The film is currently in pre-production.

The site says that “Transformers 3” is [casting extras in Chicago](#) [18]. The film is also casting extras and principal actors in Los Angeles. More information about the Chicago casting call is below.



“Transformers,” “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen” and “Transformers 3” director Michael Bay.

Image credit: [Before the Trailer](#) [17]

With “Transformers” (2007) raking in \$709 million in worldwide box-office receipts and the sequel “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen” (2009) eclipsing it with \$836 million globally, director Michael Bay and stars Megan Fox and Shia LaBeouf are hoping that “Transformers 3” will be yet another cash cow.

“Transformers 3” stars Megan Fox, Shia LaBeouf, John Malkovich, Ken Jeong, Frances McDormand, Tyrese Gibson and James Avery. The film is directed by Michael Bay and written by Ehren Kruger. Chicago Studio City, which is located at 5660 W. Taylor St. in Chicago, lists the following credits.

Chicago Studio City has been the catalyst for all [of] the episodic television shows shot in Chicago starting with “Chicago Story” (MGM) in the early 1980s and up to the “The Beast” (Sony) [more] recently.

In between, we serviced “The Untouchables” (Paramount Pictures), “Cupid” (Sony TV), “Early Edition” (Sony TV) and “Prison Break” (Fox TV) along with movies [including] “Wanted” (Universal with Angelina Jolie), “Express” (Universal with Dennis Quaid), “Public Enemies” (Universal Pictures with Johnny Depp), “Unborn” (Mandate Films with Gary Oldman) and “Grudge II” (Mandate Films).



Megan Fox and Shia LaBeouf in “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen”.

Image credit: Jaimie Trueblood

Chicago Casting Call For “Transformers 3”

Pre-shoots start in April 2010. The filming locations are set for Los Angeles, Chicago, Florida, Texas, Africa, Moscow, China and Washington, D.C. Principal photography will run from May 1, 2010 through July 1, 2010. The release date for the film is currently set at July 1, 2011.

In Chicago, the extras casting director for “Transformers 3” is seeking Ukrainian men and women aged 20 to 80. While you don’t have to be Ukrainian, you must look Ukrainian.

If you’re a Ukrainian or Ukrainian-looking man, you need to be 5’10” to 6’1” with a clothing size of 38 regular to 44 regular. You need to know how to handle a gun and must include a note in your submission stating that you do.

If you fit this description, e-mail a recent, non-professional color photo to jpextras@gmail.com [19]. In the subject line, include “Ukrainian”. You must also include your phone number, name, mailing address and all your clothing sizes, shoe sizes and hat sizes.

You can also mail your submission to Joan Philo Casting at P.O. Box 13084, Chicago, IL 60613. If you’re mailing your submission, fill out and send in an extras registration form. You can download the “Transformers 3” extras [registration form here](#) [20].

Do not respond unless you are Ukrainian or Ukrainian looking. Do not send any headshots or comp cards. Do not refer to a link to look at your photos. These photos must be e-mailed as an attachment. More information about the Los Angeles casting call for “Transformers 3” is [here](#) [21].



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