These posters are from the Museo de la Memoria in Santiago, Chile and are an example of the artwork and collective spirit of Salvador Allende’s government of Popular Unity which was toppled by the military coup led by General Pinochet on 11th September 1973.

The UN Human Rights Commission estimates that some 250,000 people were detained for political reasons during this period. Thousands were arrested, tortured, detained and disappeared by the military regime between 1973 - 1990. Tens of thousands more were forced into exile.

In a 2008 poll organised by the State channel TVN, Chileans voted Salvador Allende to have been the ‘greatest Chilean in history’ ahead of many other well known Chilean public figures.

There has been a resurgence in political activism across Chile over the last 12 months as students have protested against the education policies of the current government, particularly in respect of access to university education. Camila Vallejo, one of the student leaders, was voted 2011 person of the year by readers of The Guardian.