

# Opening of exhibition on 'The Politics of Chilean *Arpilleras* II'

## And screening and discussion of 'Threads of Hope'

With **Roberta Bacic**,  
Chilean curator living in Northern Ireland



'People need work'  
Courtesy of Rocío Miralles, photo Martin Melaugh

**Monday 2 March 2009**

Welcome and Opening of Exhibition 6pm  
Film Screening 6.15–7.15pm  
Discussion 7.15pm–8.00pm

Irish School of Ecumenics  
683 Antrim Road, Belfast

Threads of Hope is the powerful story of a group of Chilean women who tell their stories of life, pain, resistance, grief and empowerment using the medium of *arpilleras* (pronounced "ar-pee-air-ahs"). It includes interviews and demonstrations, and shows women at work making their *arpilleras*. Ultimately it is a story of women helping women to confront and deal with the social and political issues that affect them. This film is based on the work of Marjorie Agosin an academic and collector of *arpilleras* who contributed a number of her pieces to the exhibition "The politics of Chilean *arpilleras*",

The film and exhibition start the week leading up to International Women's Day on 8 March. The *arpilleras* on display are a sampler of a new exhibition in progress to be launched later in the year which will be at ISE throughout March.

All are welcome, but since places are limited, if you plan to come please reply to Caroline Clarke, Irish School of Ecumenics, 683 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 4EG tel (028) 9077 0087 email [reconsec@tcd.ie](mailto:reconsec@tcd.ie) Please note that parking on-site is very limited: it is better to park on side-streets. For more information on ISE visit [www.tcd.ie/ise](http://www.tcd.ie/ise) and for directions see [www.tcd.ie/ise/directions](http://www.tcd.ie/ise/directions)